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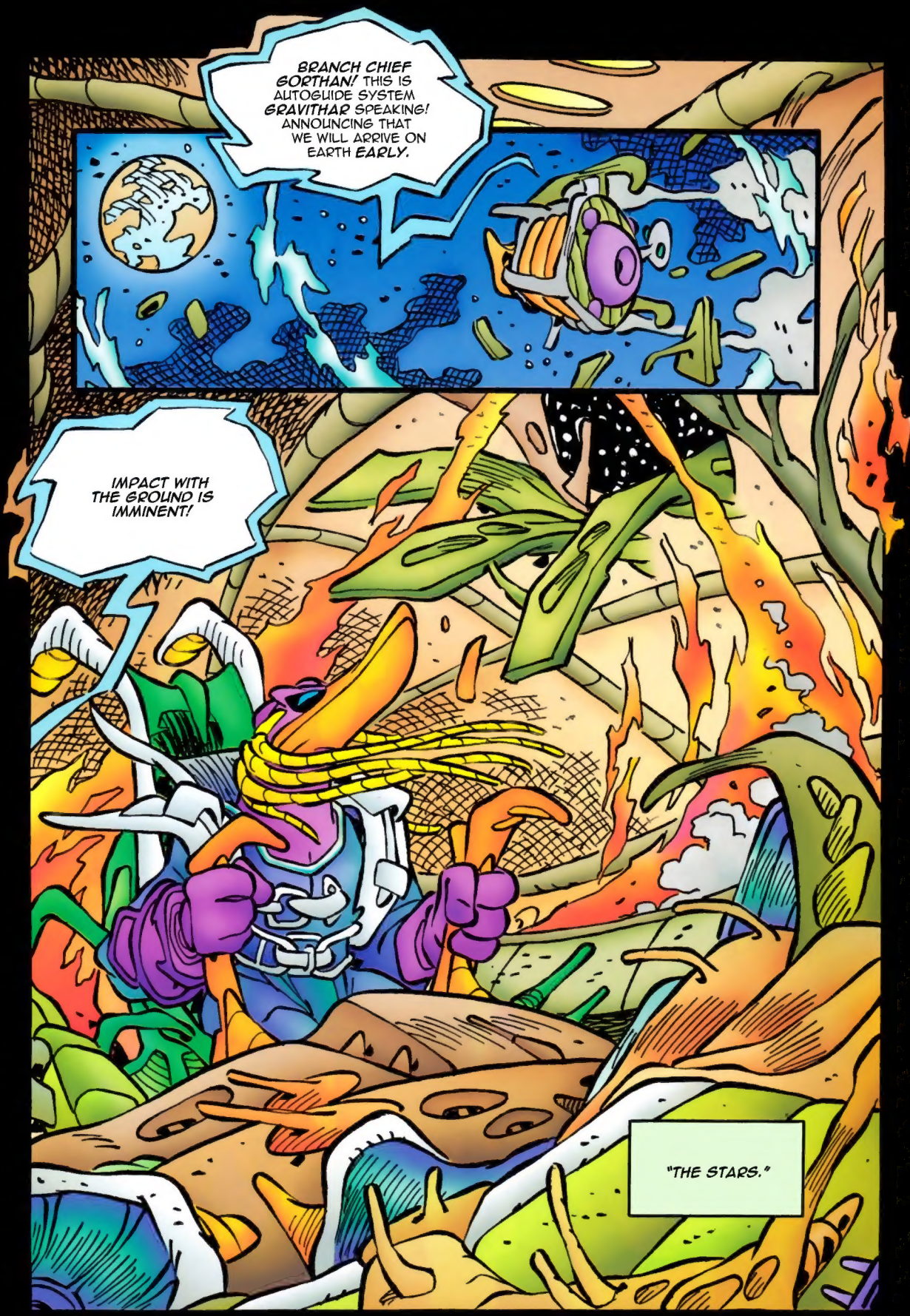
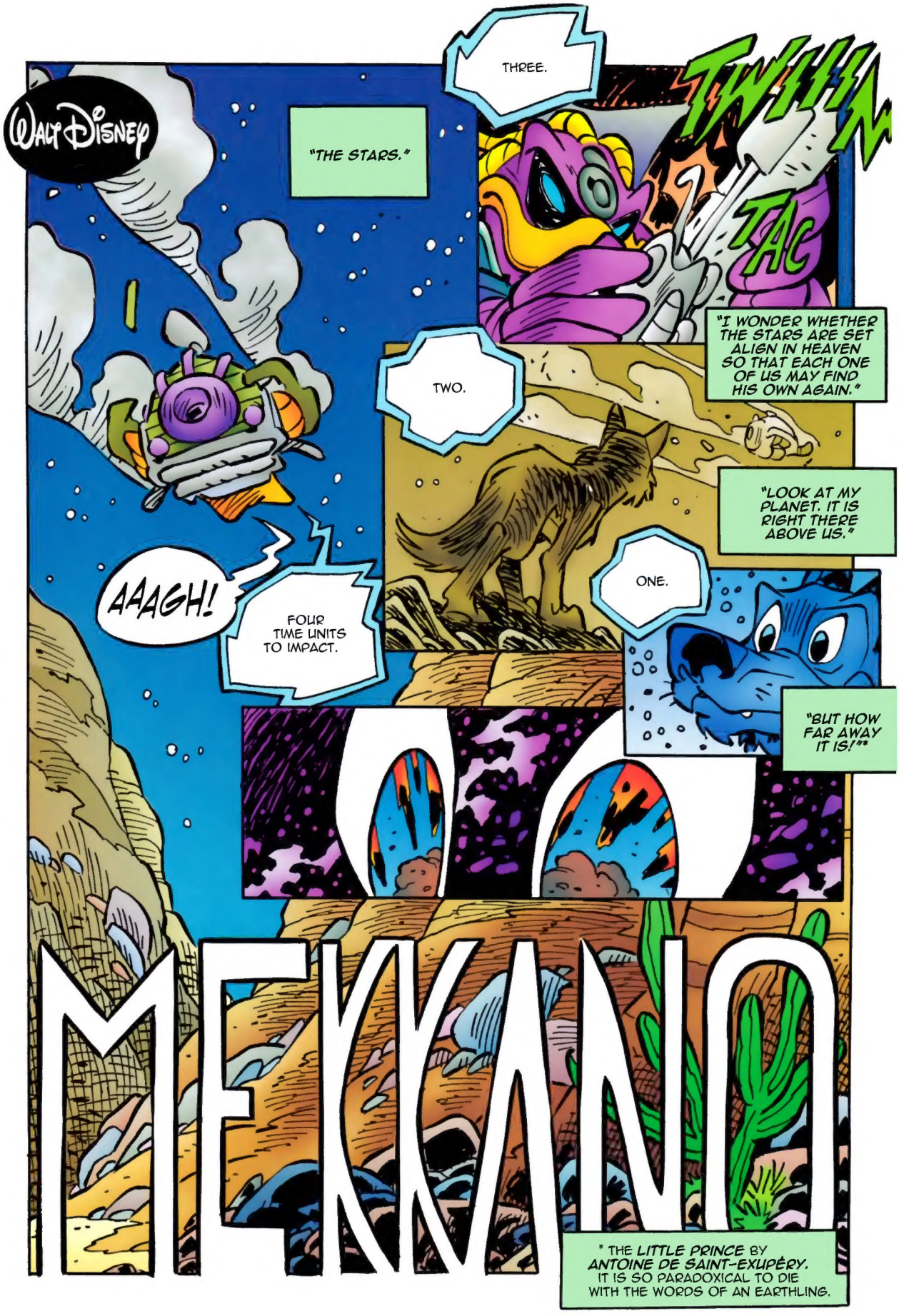

BRANCH CHIEF GORTHAN! THIS IS AUTOGUIDE SYSTEM GRAVITHAR SPEAKING! ANNOUNCING THAT WE WILL ARRIVE ON EARTH EARLY.
IMPACT WITH THE GROUND IS IMMINENT!
"THE STARS."

WE HAVE BEEN HIT. THE DAMAGES ARE NOT QUANTIFIABLE.
"IN ONE OF THE STARS I SHALL BE LIVING."
THE EJECTION SYSTEM IS UNSERVICEABLE.
I WOULD RECOMMEND EXITING THROUGH THE HOLE IN THE CABIN, BUT IT'S TOO SMALL.
"IN ONE OF THEM I SHALL BE LAUGHING."
"AND SO IT WILL BE AS IF ALL THE STARS WERE LAUGHING..."
IN ORDER TO PASS, YOU SHOULD REMOVE THE LIFE ENERGY TANK.
AND I DON'T NEED TO REMIND YOU OF HOW DANGEROUS THAT IS.
"YOU, ONLY YOU, WILL HAVE STARS THAT CAN LAUGH!"
"... WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SKY TONIGHT..."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"THE STARS."
THREE.
TWHHHN
TAG
"I WONDER WHETHER THE STARS ARE SET ALIGN IN HEAVEN SO THAT EACH ONE OF US MAY FIND HIS OWN AGAIN."
TWO.
"LOOK AT MY PLANET. IT IS RIGHT THERE ABOVE US."
ONE.
AAAGH!
FOUR TIME UNITS TO IMPACT.
"BUT HOW FAR AWAY IT IS!"*
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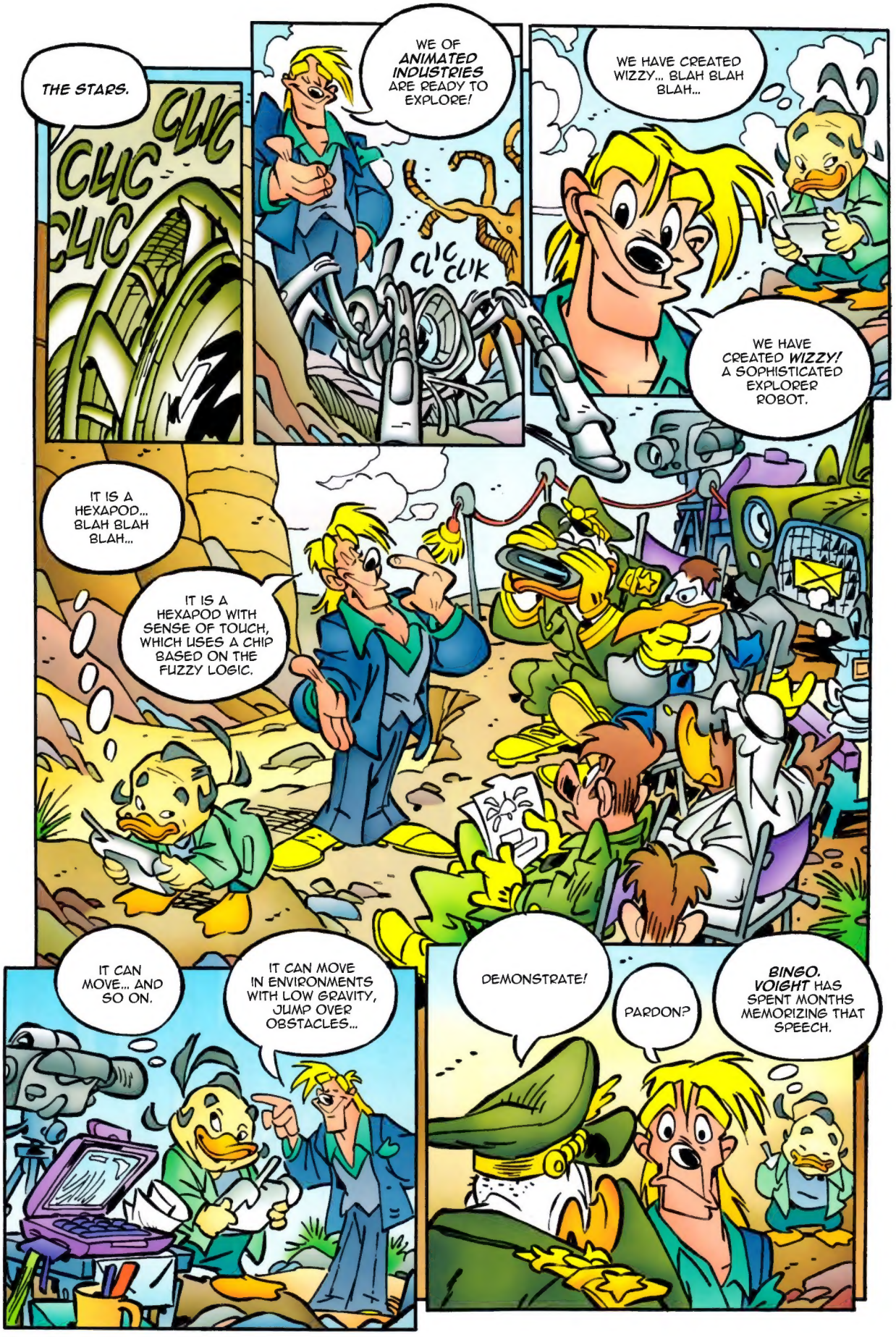
* THE LITTLE PRINCE BY ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY. IT IS SO PARADOXICAL TO DIE WITH THE WORDS OF AN EARTHLING.


THE STARS.
CLIC
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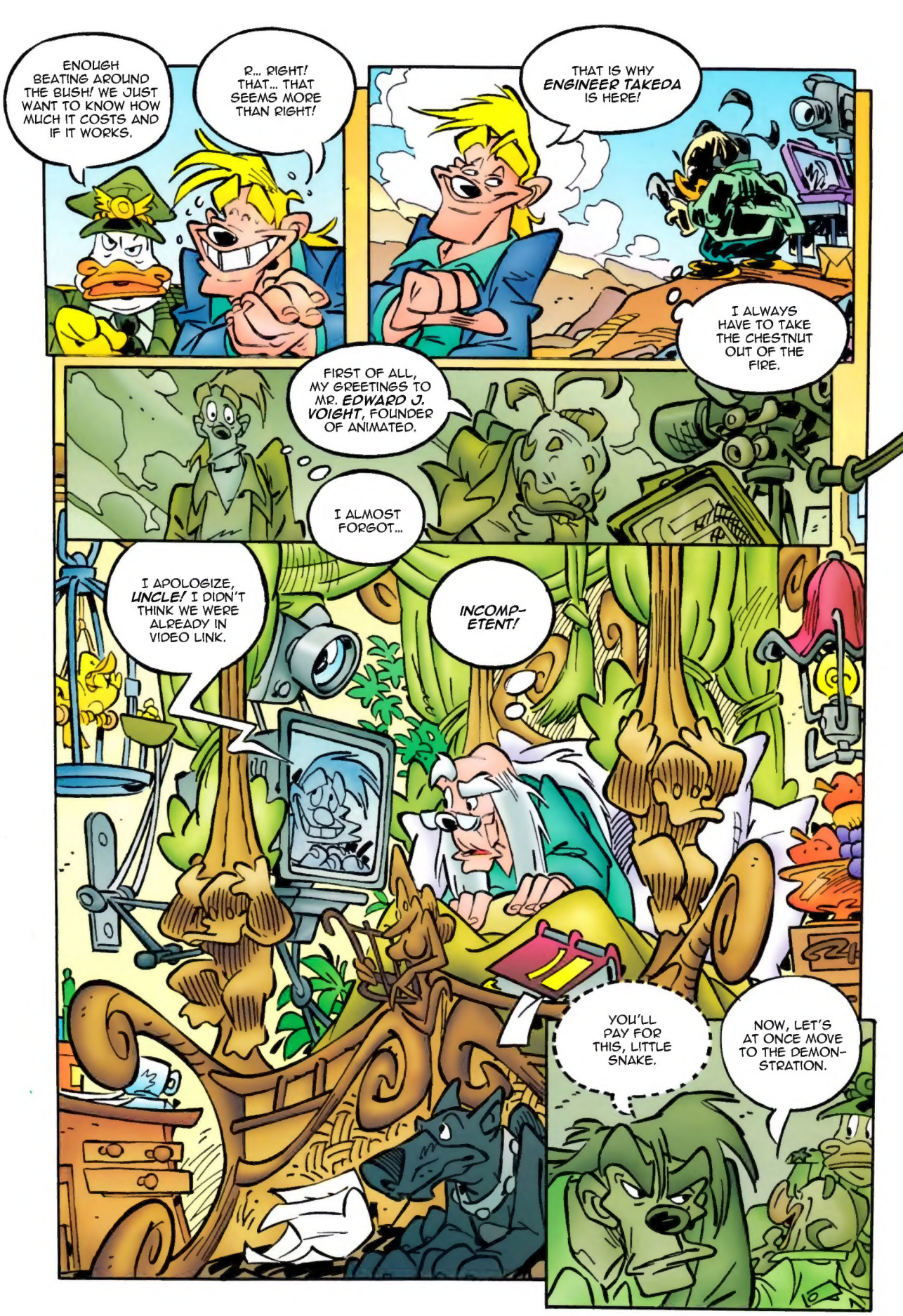
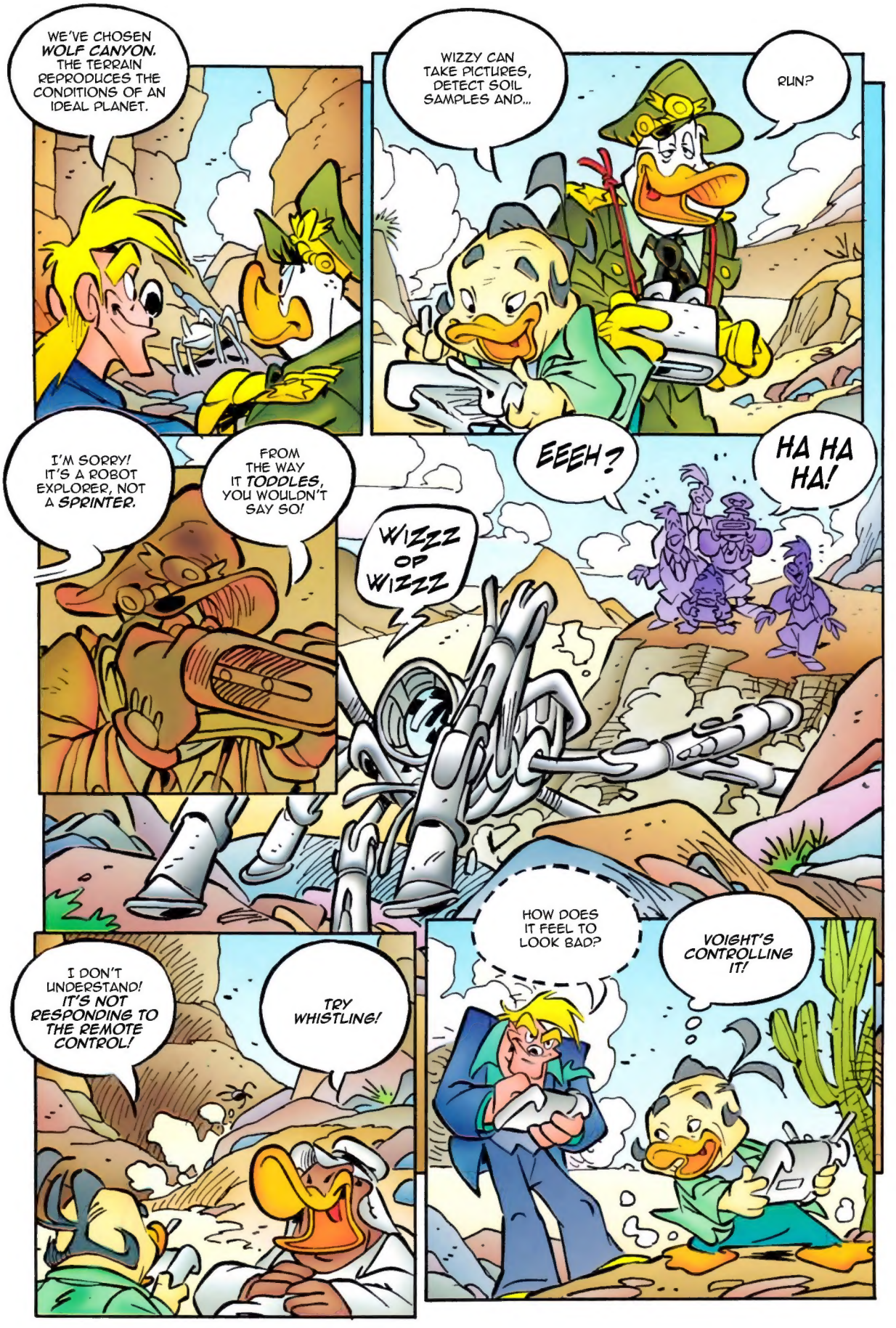
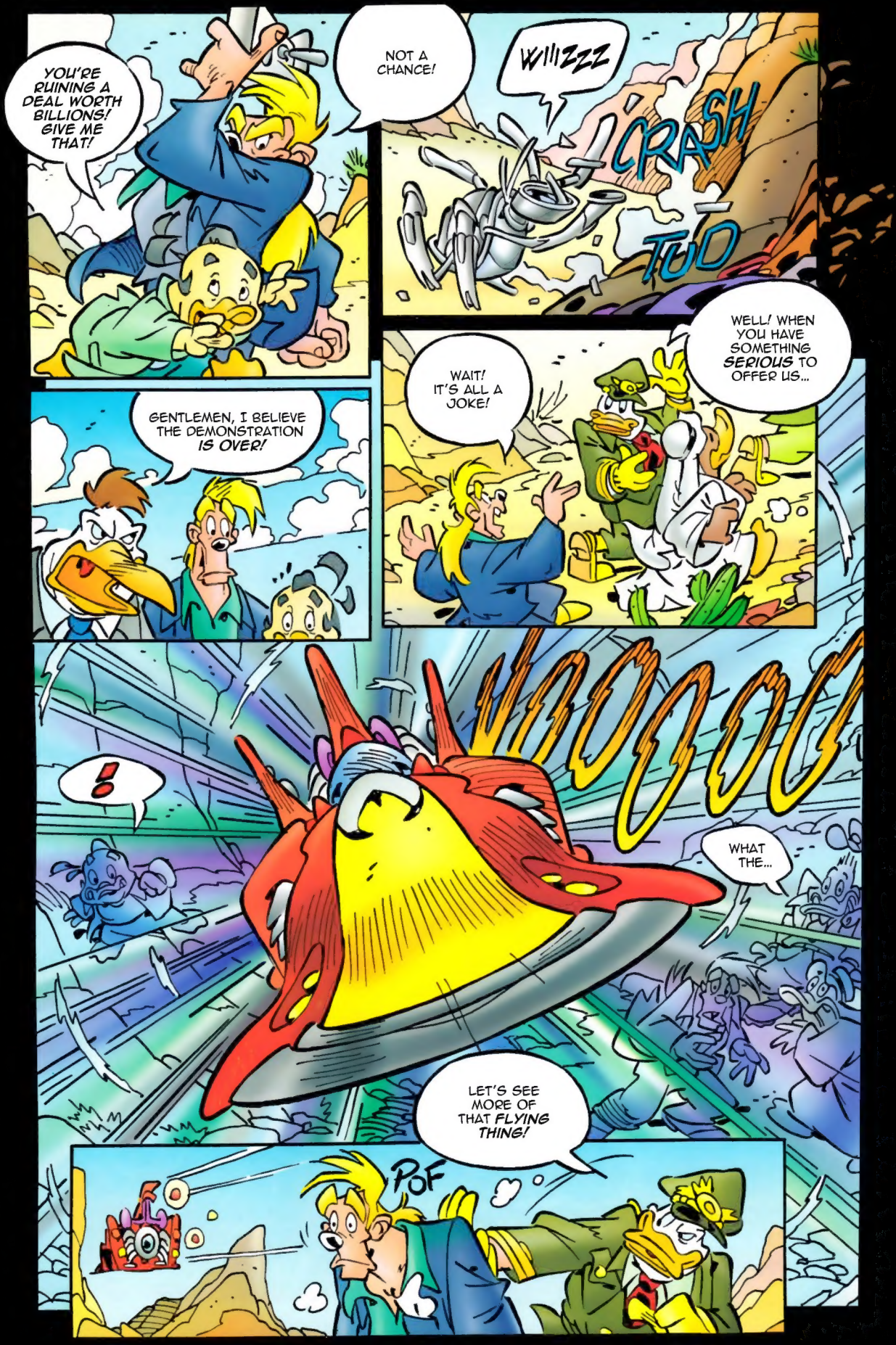
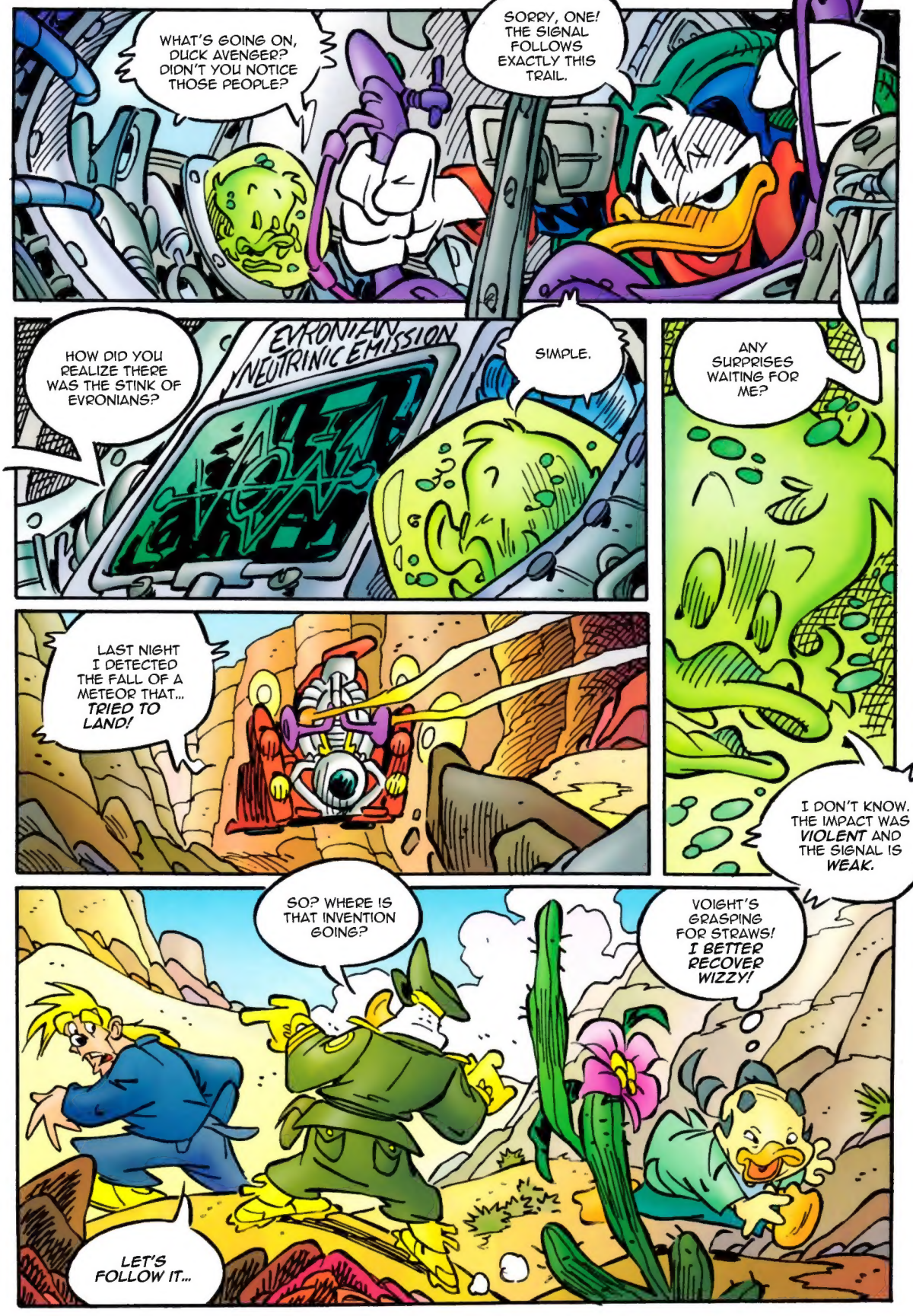
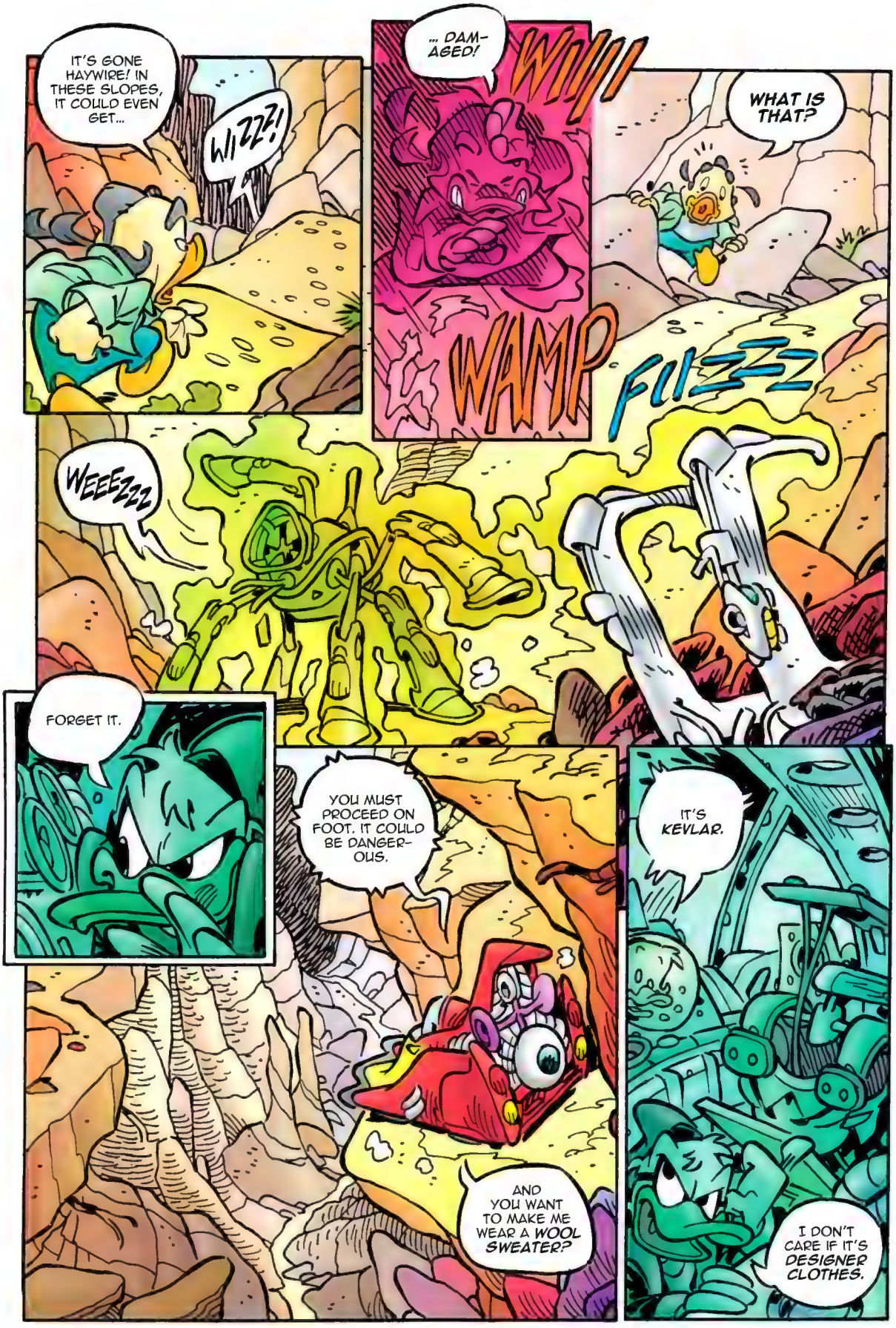
CLIC
WE OF ANIMATED INDUSTRIES ARE READY TO EXPLORE!
CLIC CLIK
WE HAVE CREATED WIZZY... BLAH BLAH BLAH...
WE HAVE CREATED WIZZY! A SOPHISTICATED EXPLORER ROBOT.
IT IS A HEXAPOD... BLAH BLAH BLAH...
IT IS A HEXAPOD WITH SENSE OF TOUCH, WHICH USES A CHIP BASED ON THE FUZZY LOGIC.
IT CAN MOVE... AND SO ON.
IT CAN MOVE IN ENVIRONMENTS WITH LOW GRAVITY, JUMP OVER OBSTACLES...
DEMONSTRATE!
PARDON?
BINGO. VOIGHT HAS SPENT MONTHS MEMORIZING THAT SPEECH.

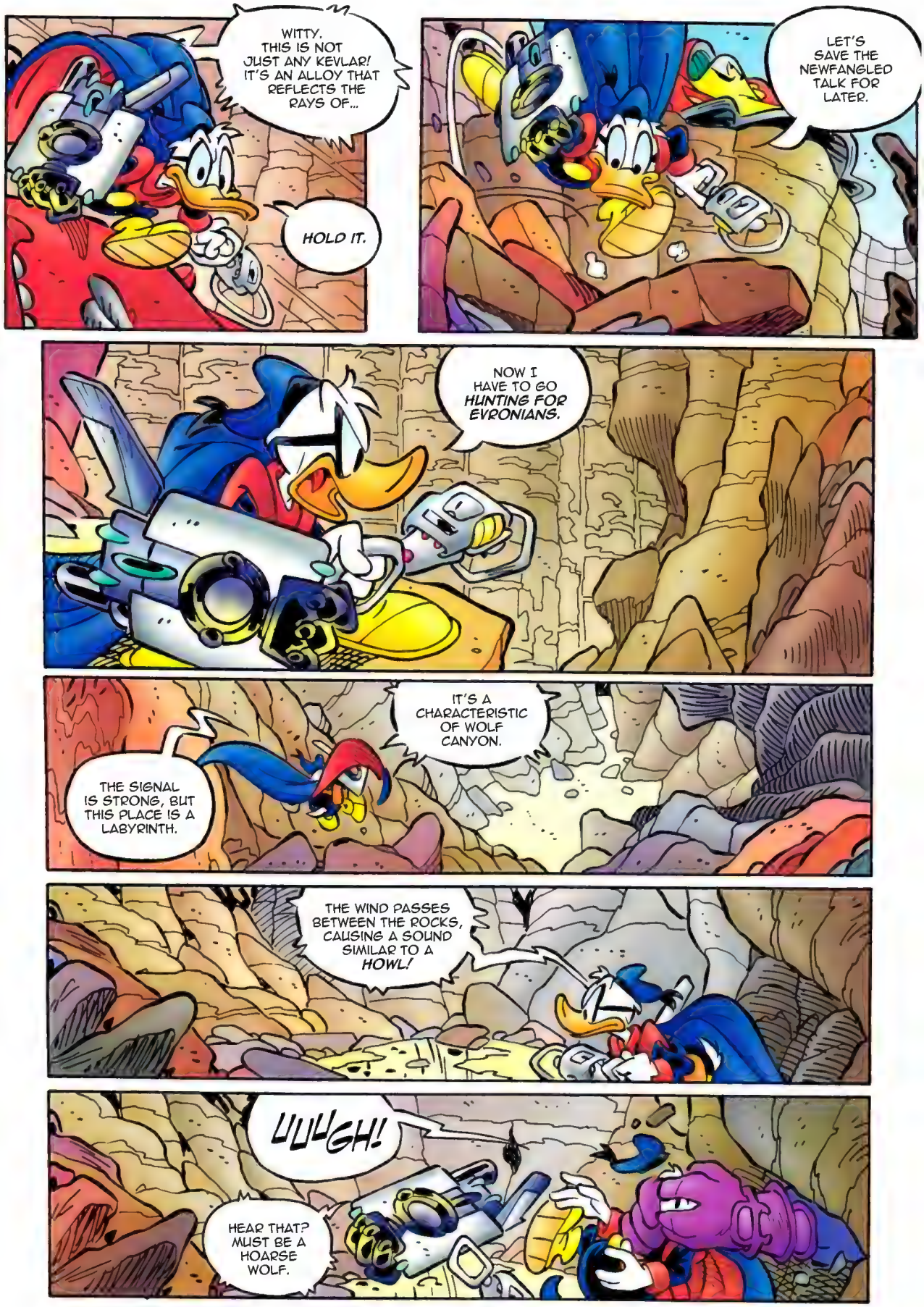

ENOUGH BEATING AROUND THE BUSH! WE JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH IT COSTS AND IF IT WORKS.
R... RIGHT! THAT... THAT SEEMS MORE THAN RIGHT!
THAT IS WHY ENGINEER TAKEDA IS HERE!
I ALWAYS HAVE TO TAKE THE CHESTNUT OUT OF THE FIRE.
FIRST OF ALL, MY GREETINGS TO MR. EDWARD J. VOIGHT, FOUNDER OF ANIMATED.
I ALMOST FORGOT...
I APOLOGIZE, UNCLE! I DIDN'T THINK WE WERE ALREADY IN VIDEO LINK.
INCOMP-ETENT!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, LITTLE SNAKE.
NOW, LET'S AT ONCE MOVE TO THE DEMON-STRATION.


WE'VE CHOSEN *WOLF CANYON.* THE TERRAIN REPRODUCES THE CONDITIONS OF AN IDEAL PLANET.
WIZZY CAN TAKE PICTURES, DETECT SOIL SAMPLES AND...
RUN?
I'M SORRY! IT'S A ROBOT EXPLORER, NOT A *SPRINTER.*
FROM THE WAY IT *TODDLES*, YOU WOULDN'T SAY SO!
WIZZZ OP WIZZZ
EEEH?
HA HA HA!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! *IT'S NOT RESPONDING TO THE REMOTE CONTROL!*
TRY WHISTLING!
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO LOOK BAD?
VOIGHT'S CONTROLLING IT!

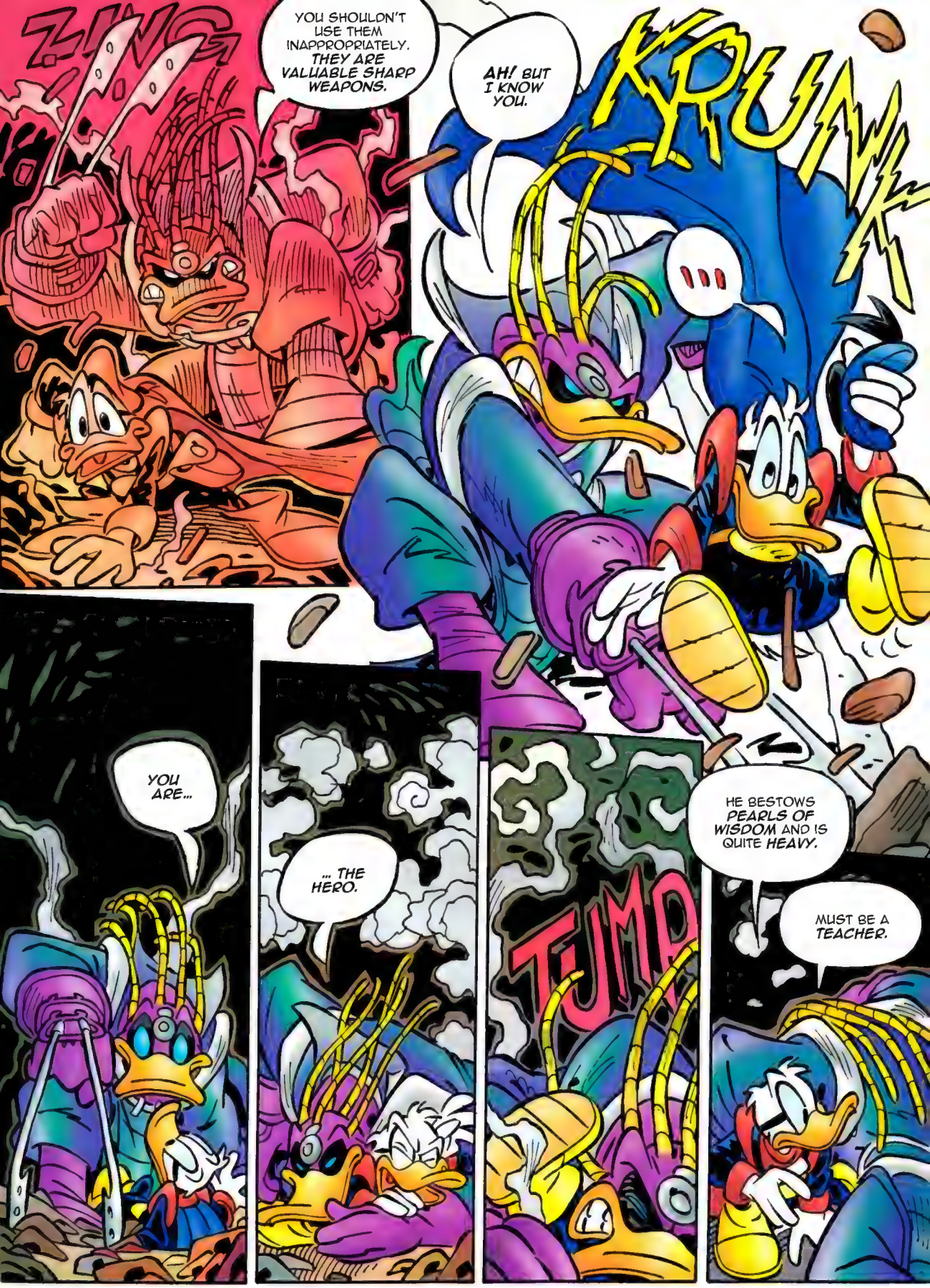

YOU'RE RUINING A DEAL WORTH BILLIONS! GIVE ME THAT!
NOT A CHANCE!
WIIIZZZ
CRASH
TUD
WELL! WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING SERIOUS TO OFFER US...
WAIT! IT'S ALL A JOKE!
GENTLEMEN, I BELIEVE THE DEMONSTRATION IS OVER!
VOOOOO
!
WHAT THE...
LET'S SEE MORE OF THAT FLYING THING!
POF

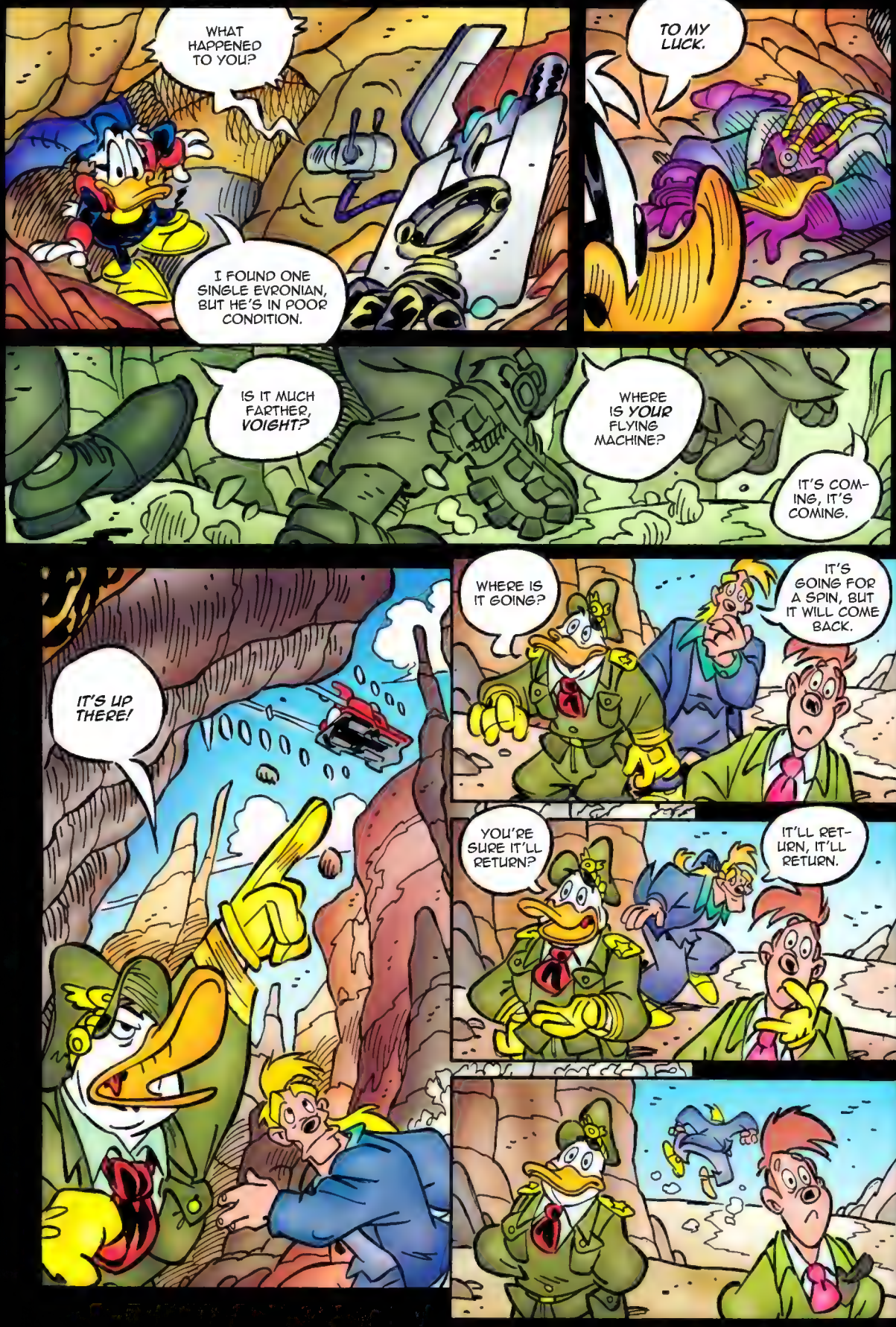

WHAT'S GOING ON, DUCK AVENGER? DIDN'T YOU NOTICE THOSE PEOPLE?
SORRY, ONE! THE SIGNAL FOLLOWS EXACTLY THIS TRAIL.
HOW DID YOU REALIZE THERE WAS THE STINK OF EVRONIANS?
EVRONIZIUM NEUTRINIC EMISSION
SIMPLE.
ANY SURPRISES WAITING FOR ME?
LAST NIGHT I DETECTED THE FALL OF A METEOR THAT... TRIED TO LAND!
I DON'T KNOW. THE IMPACT WAS VIOLENT AND THE SIGNAL IS WEAK.
SO? WHERE IS THAT INVENTION GOING?
VOIGHT'S GRASPING FOR STRAWS! I BETTER RECOVER WIZZY!
LET'S FOLLOW IT...

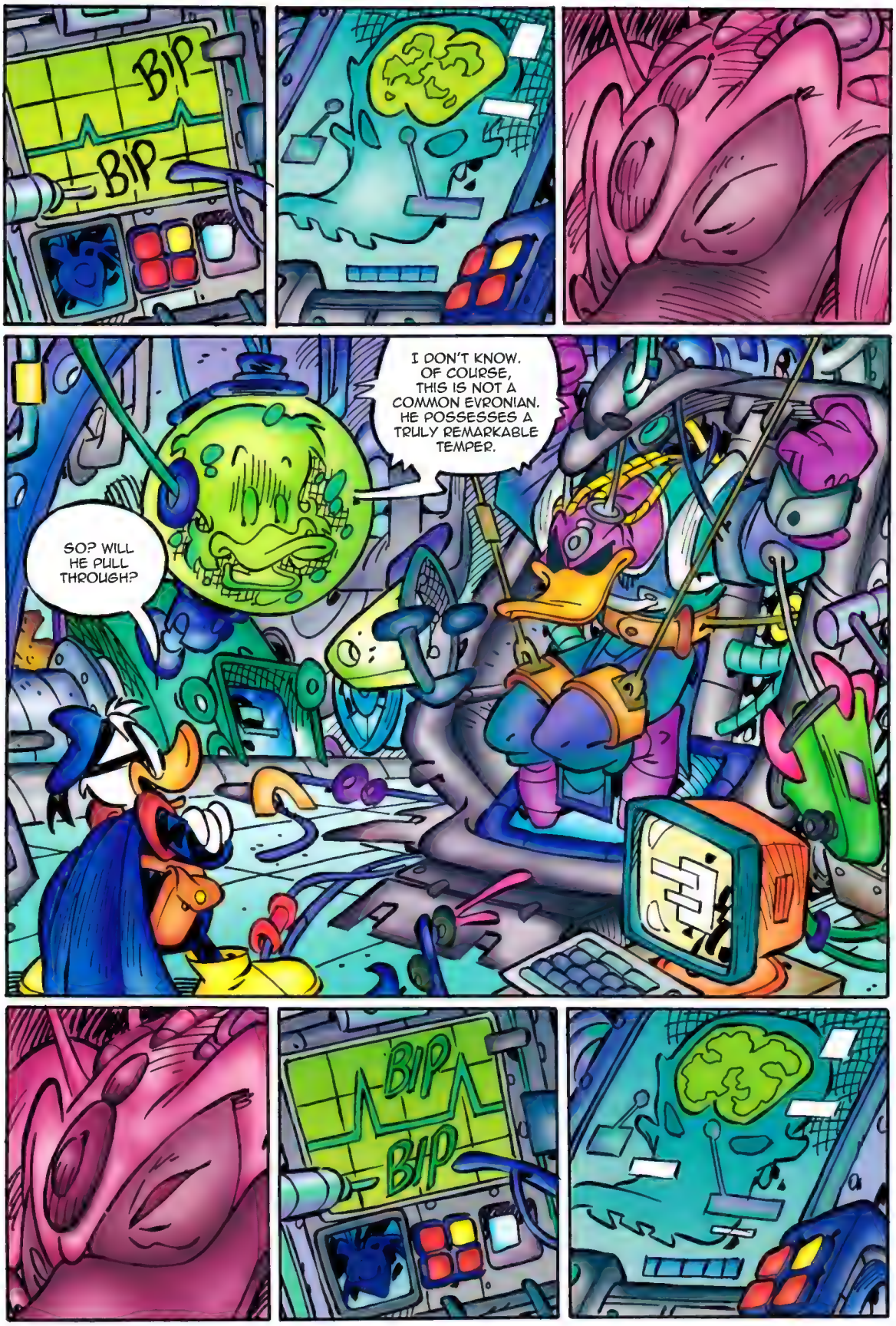

IT'S GONE HAYWIRE! IN THESE SLOPES, IT COULD EVEN GET...
WIZZZ!
... DAM-AGED!
WIIII
WHAT IS THAT?
WAMP
FUZZZ
WEEEZZZ
FORGET IT.
YOU MUST PROCEED ON FOOT. IT COULD BE DANGER-OUS.
AND YOU WANT TO MAKE ME WEAR A WOOL SWEATER?
IT'S KEVLAR.
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S DESIGNER CLOTHES.


WITTY. THIS IS NOT JUST ANY KEVLAR! IT'S AN ALLOY THAT REFLECTS THE RAYS OF...
HOLD IT.
LET'S SAVE THE NEWFANGLED TALK FOR LATER.
NOW I HAVE TO GO HUNTING FOR EVRONIANS.
IT'S A CHARACTERISTIC OF WOLF CANYON.
THE SIGNAL IS STRONG, BUT THIS PLACE IS A LABYRINTH.
THE WIND PASSES BETWEEN THE ROCKS, CAUSING A SOUND SIMILAR TO A HOWL!
UUUGH!
HEAR THAT? MUST BE A HOARSE WOLF.

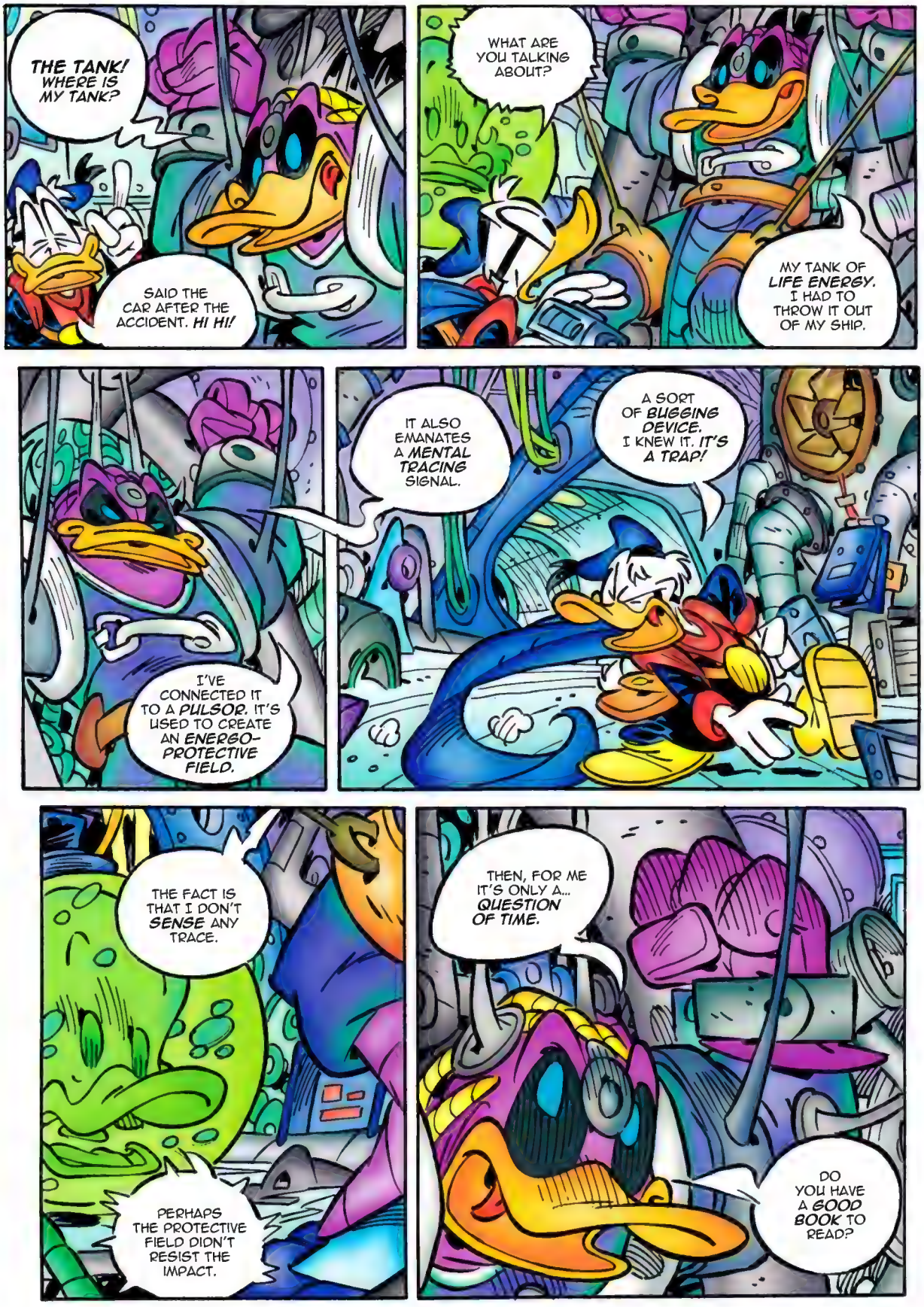
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'VE FOUND THE EVRONIAN.
HE'S REALLY STRONG... I'M SUFFOCATING...
BUT HE GOT TOO CLOSE.
SOCK
AND NOW, MY SILENT FRIEND...
LET ME HEAR SOME...
WORDS.
WACK

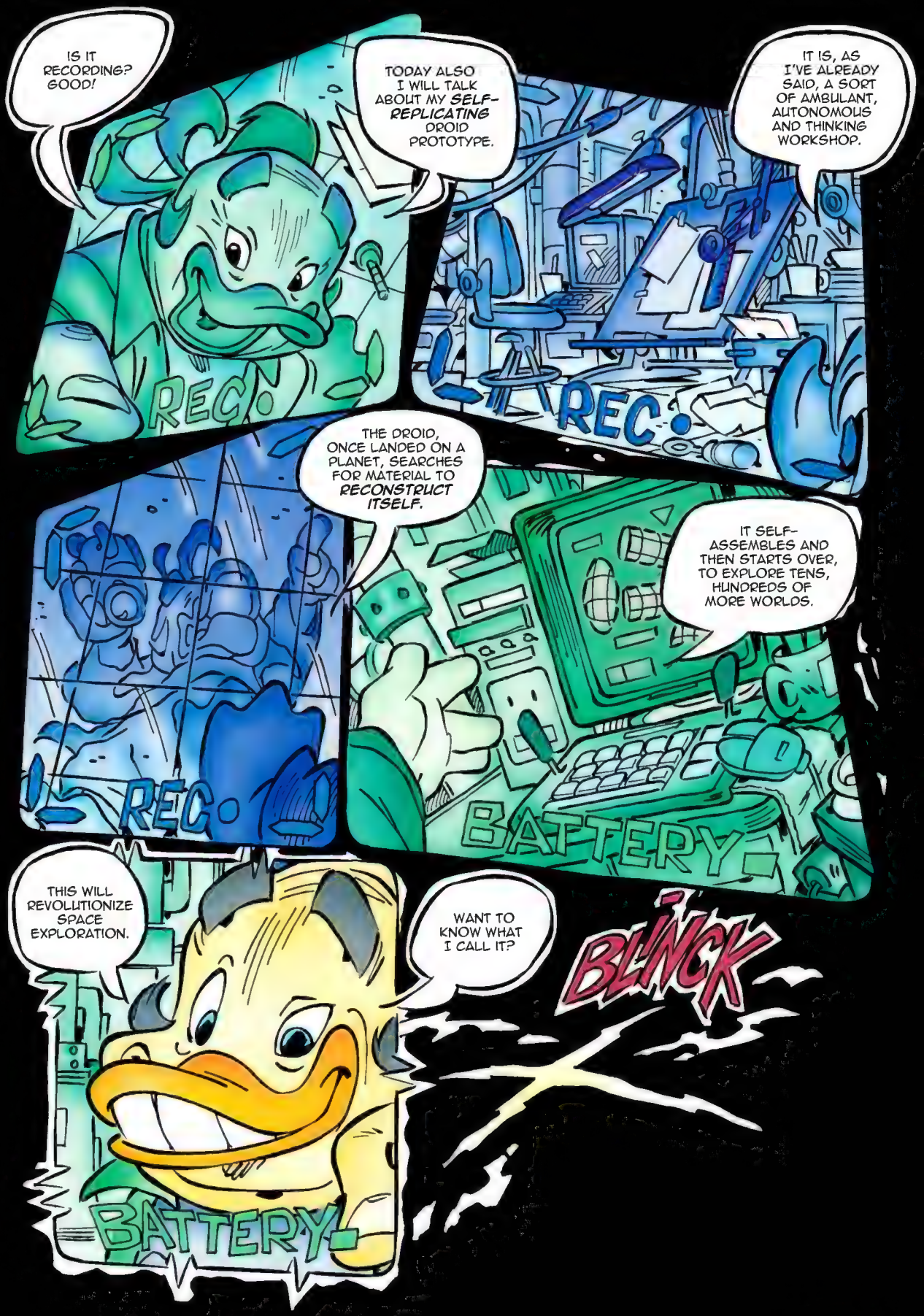

ZING
YOU SHOULDN'T USE THEM INAPPROPRIATELY. THEY ARE VALUABLE SHARP WEAPONS.
AH! BUT I KNOW YOU.
KRUNK
YOU ARE...
... THE HERO.
TJUMP
HE BESTOWS PEARLS OF WISDOM AND IS QUITE HEAVY.
MUST BE A TEACHER.

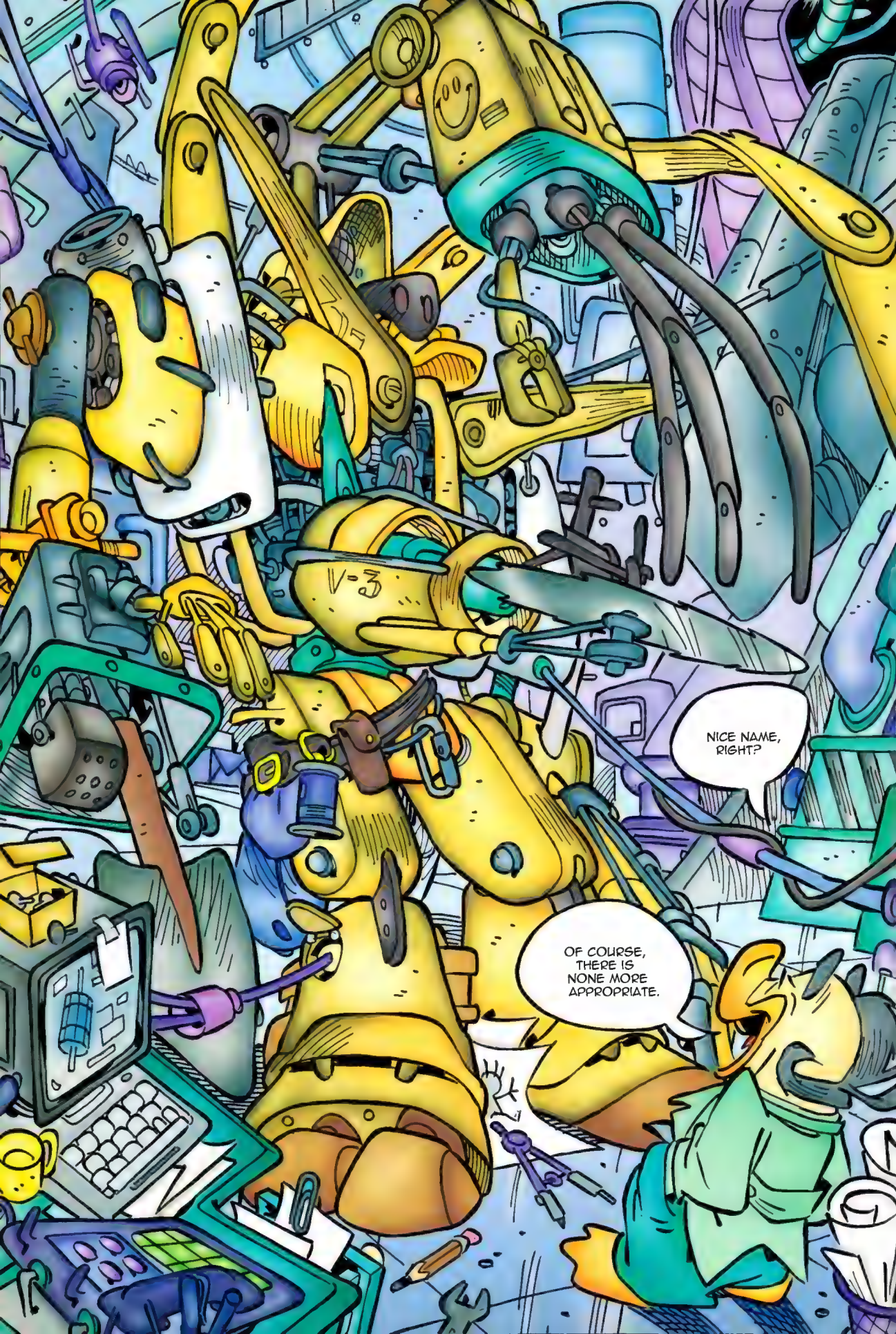

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
I FOUND ONE SINGLE EVRONIAN, BUT HE'S IN POOR CONDITION.
TO MY LUCK.
IS IT MUCH FARTHER, VOIGHT?
WHERE IS YOUR FLYING MACHINE?
IT'S COMING, IT'S COMING.
IT'S UP THERE!
WHERE IS IT GOING?
IT'S GOING FOR A SPIN, BUT IT WILL COME BACK.
YOU'RE SURE IT'LL RETURN?
IT'LL RETURN, IT'LL RETURN.


BIP
BIP
I DON'T KNOW. OF COURSE, THIS IS NOT A COMMON EVRONIAN. HE POSSESSES A TRULY REMARKABLE TEMPER.
SO? WILL HE PULL THROUGH?
BIP
BIP

THE PROBLEM IS THAT I CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH WITH THESE MACHINES.
I KNOW. BUT WE CAN'T RISK HIM SEEING THE SECRET FLOOR!
THIS UNDERGROUND LABORATORY IS MUCH SAFER.
YOUR REASONING IS ILLOGICAL.
UNPLUG YOUR SOUND CARD. IT COULD BE A TRAP.
BUT THIS IS STILL ABOUT A BEING AT THE POINT OF DEA...
WHERE AM I?
DON'T EVEN MOVE A MUSCLE.
I'M TOO WEAK TO DO THAT.
MY NAME IS GORTHAN. I AM A SCIENCE BRANCH CHIEF.
PLEASURE.
HEY, SCIENTISTS! DON'T FORGET THAT YOU'RE ENEMIES!


THE TANK! WHERE IS MY TANK?
SAID THE CAR AFTER THE ACCIDENT. HI HI!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
MY TANK OF LIFE ENERGY. I HAD TO THROW IT OUT OF MY SHIP.
I'VE CONNECTED IT TO A PULSOR. IT'S USED TO CREATE AN ENERGO-PROTECTIVE FIELD.
IT ALSO EMANATES A MENTAL TRACING SIGNAL.
A SORT OF BUGGING DEVICE. I KNEW IT. IT'S A TRAP!
THE FACT IS THAT I DON'T SENSE ANY TRACE.
PERHAPS THE PROTECTIVE FIELD DIDN'T RESIST THE IMPACT.
THEN, FOR ME IT'S ONLY A... QUESTION OF TIME.
DO YOU HAVE A GOOD BOOK TO READ?


IS IT RECORDING? GOOD!
REC.
TODAY ALSO I WILL TALK ABOUT MY SELF-REPLICATING DROID PROTOTYPE.
REC.
IT IS, AS I'VE ALREADY SAID, A SORT OF AMBULANT, AUTONOMOUS AND THINKING WORKSHOP.
REC.
THE DROID, ONCE LANDED ON A PLANET, SEARCHES FOR MATERIAL TO RECONSTRUCT ITSELF.
IT SELF-ASSEMBLES AND THEN STARTS OVER, TO EXPLORE TENS, HUNDREDS OF MORE WORLDS.
BATTERY.
THIS WILL REVOLUTIONIZE SPACE EXPLORATION.
WANT TO KNOW WHAT I CALL IT?
BLINCK
BATTERY.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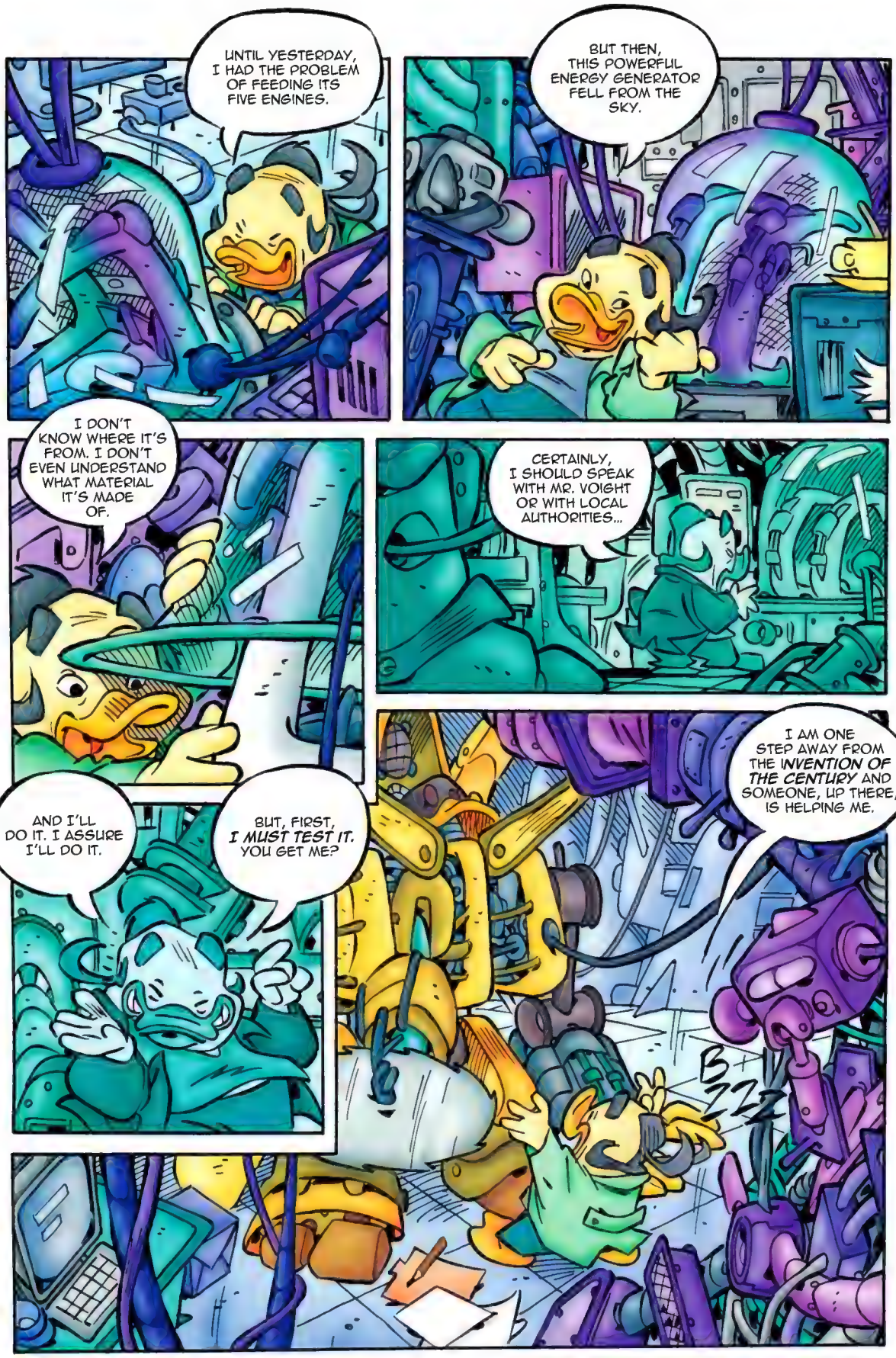
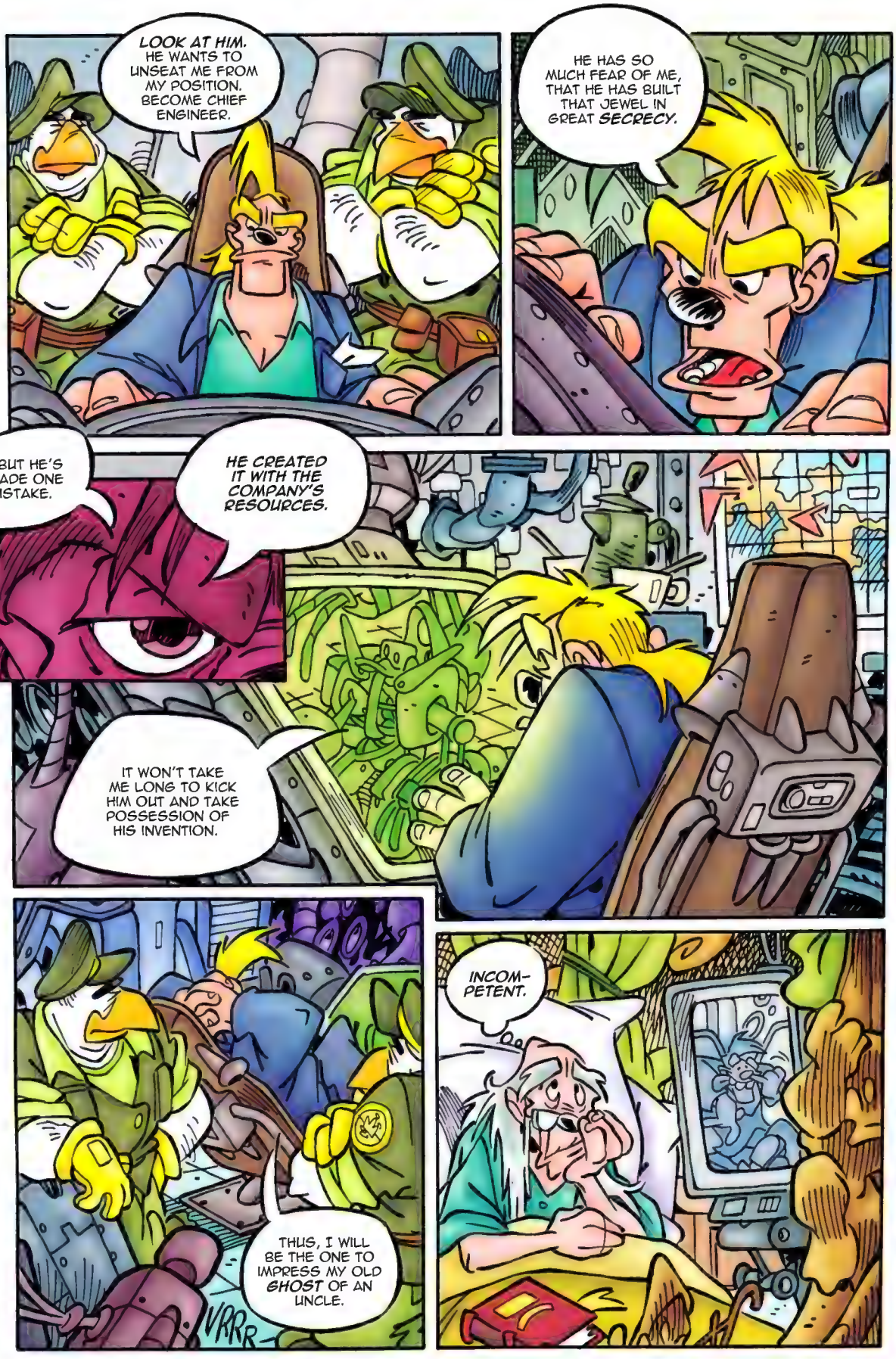
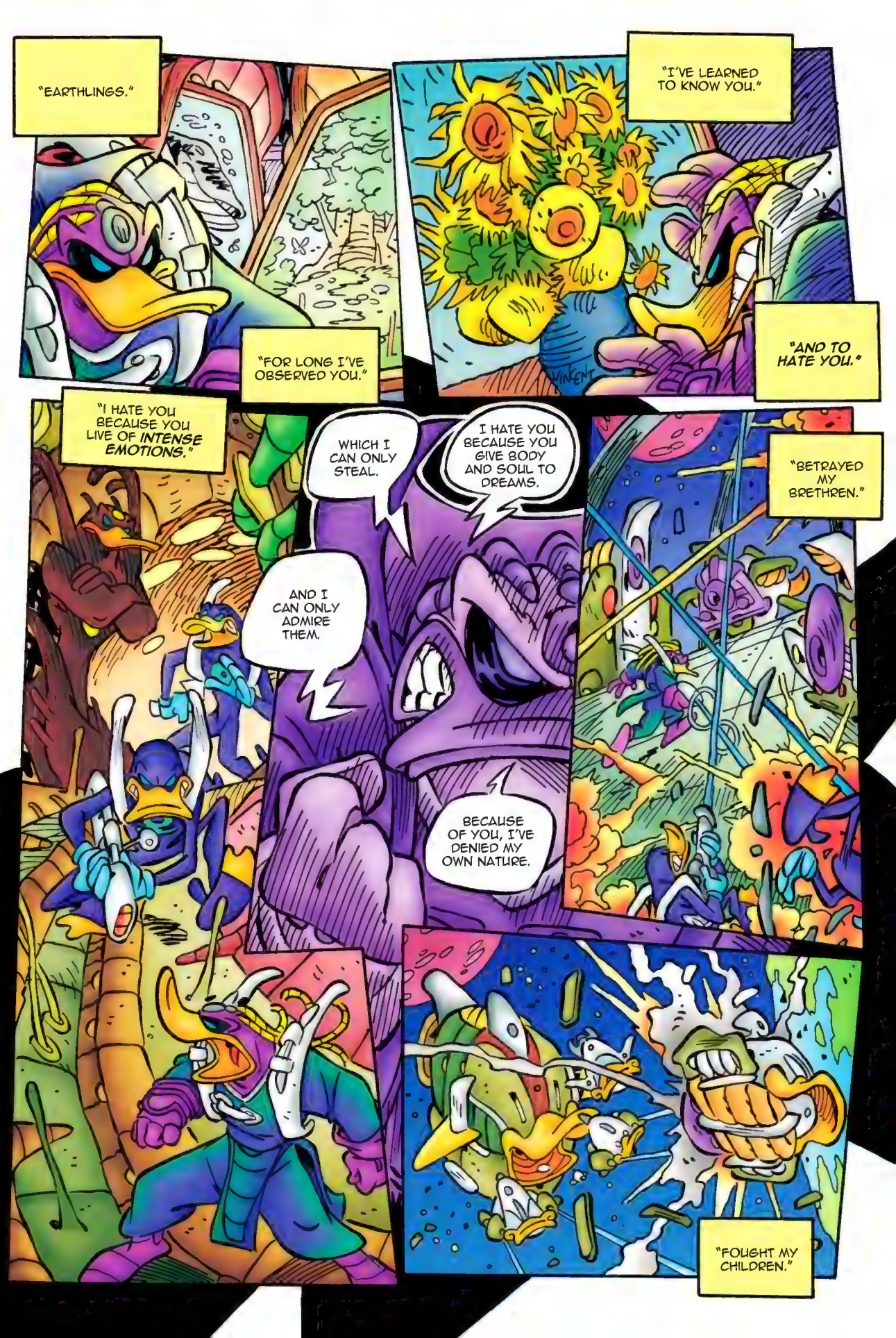
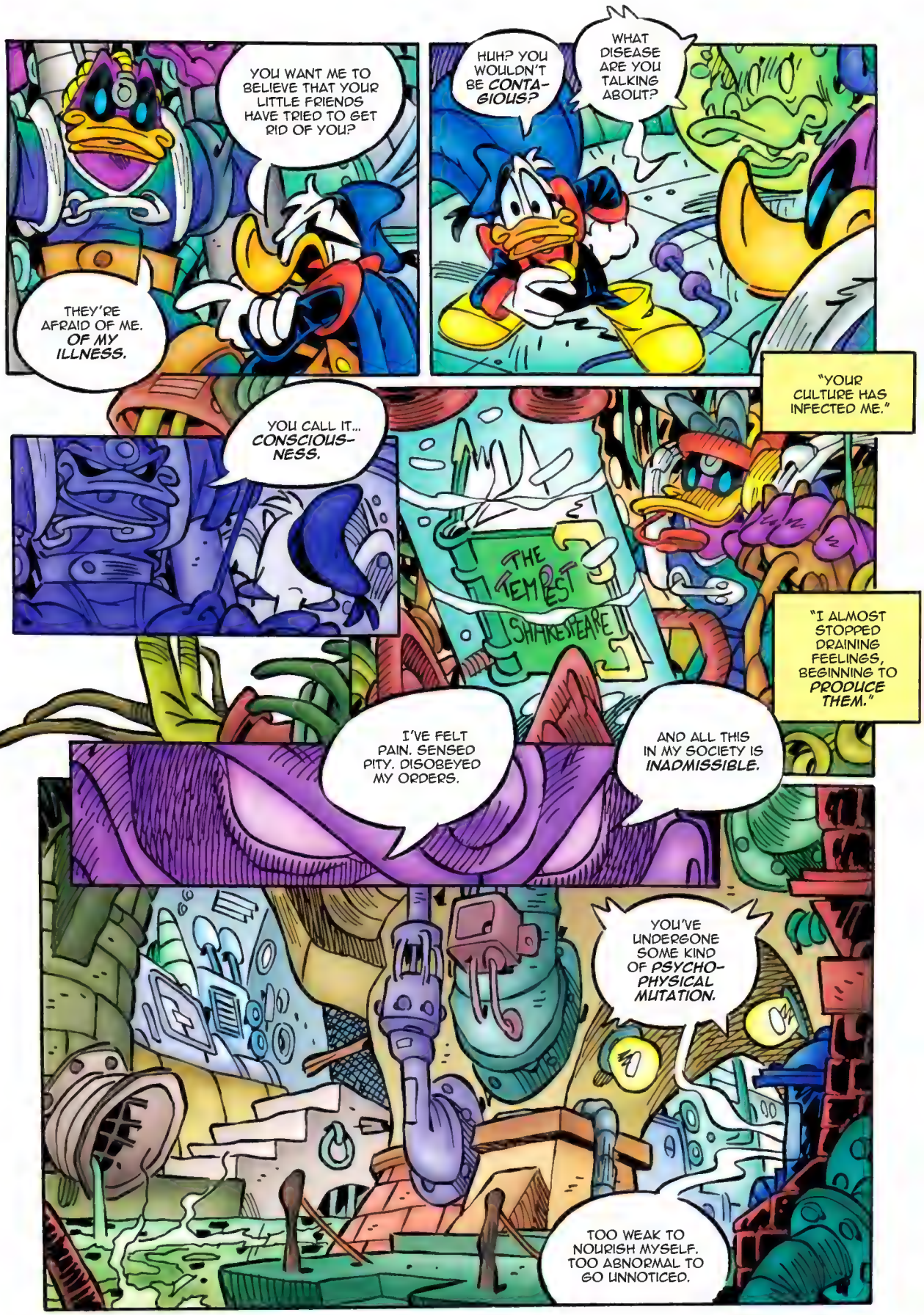
NICE NAME, RIGHT?
OF COURSE, THERE IS NONE MORE APPROPRIATE.


UNTIL YESTERDAY, I HAD THE PROBLEM OF FEEDING ITS FIVE ENGINES.
BUT THEN, THIS POWERFUL ENERGY GENERATOR FELL FROM THE SKY.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S FROM. I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT MATERIAL IT'S MADE OF.
CERTAINLY, I SHOULD SPEAK WITH MR. VOIGHT OR WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES...
I AM ONE STEP AWAY FROM THE *INVENTION OF THE CENTURY* AND SOMEONE, UP THERE, IS HELPING ME.
AND I'LL DO IT. I ASSURE I'LL DO IT.
BUT, FIRST, *I MUST TEST IT.* YOU GET ME?
BZZZ

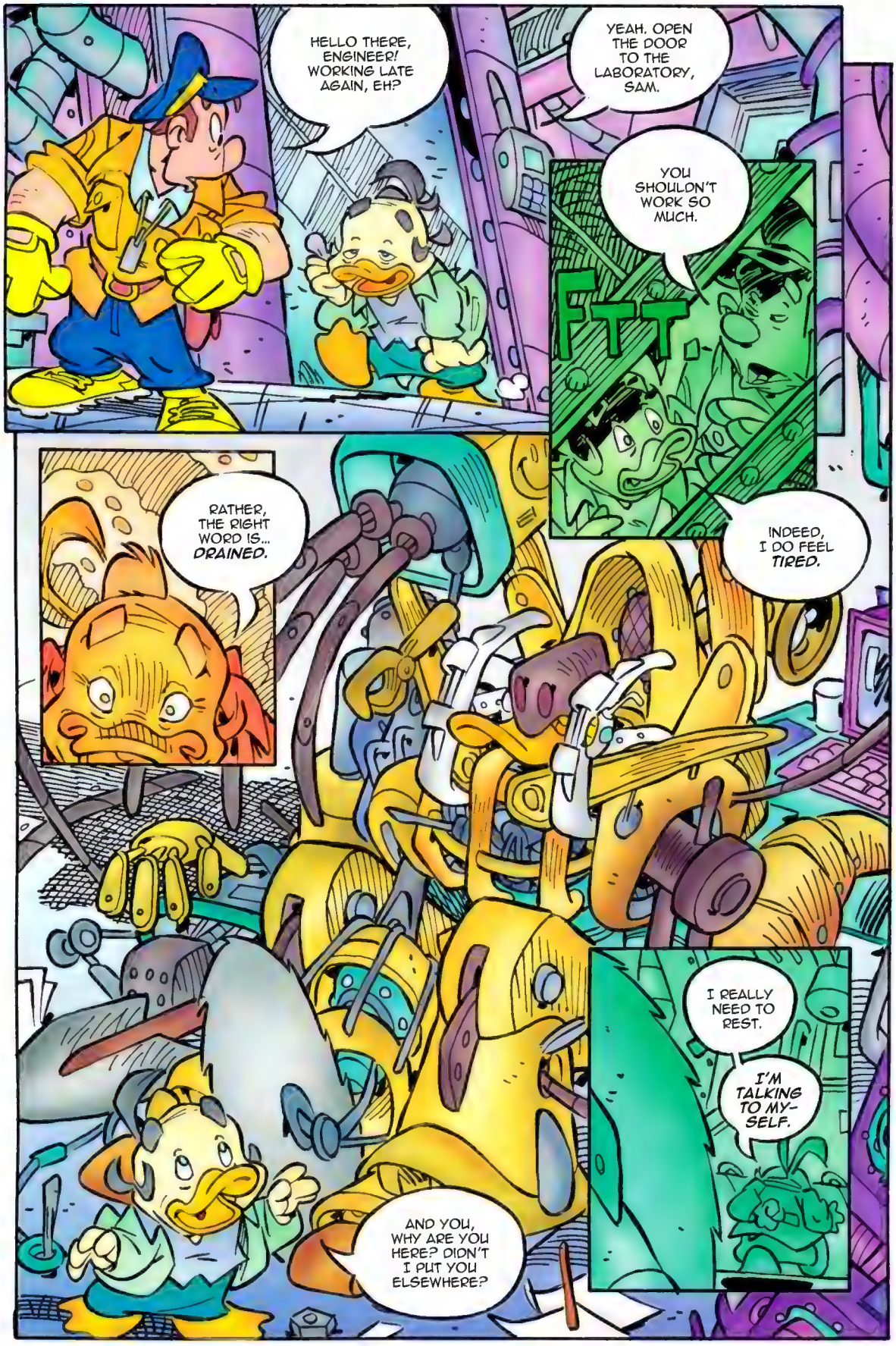

LOOK AT HIM. HE WANTS TO UNSEAT ME FROM MY POSITION. BECOME CHIEF ENGINEER.
HE HAS SO MUCH FEAR OF ME, THAT HE HAS BUILT THAT JEWEL IN GREAT SECRECY.
BUT HE'S MADE ONE MISTAKE.
HE CREATED IT WITH THE COMPANY'S RESOURCES.
IT WON'T TAKE ME LONG TO KICK HIM OUT AND TAKE POSSESSION OF HIS INVENTION.
THUS, I WILL BE THE ONE TO IMPRESS MY OLD GHOST OF AN UNCLE.
VRRR
INCOM-PETENT.

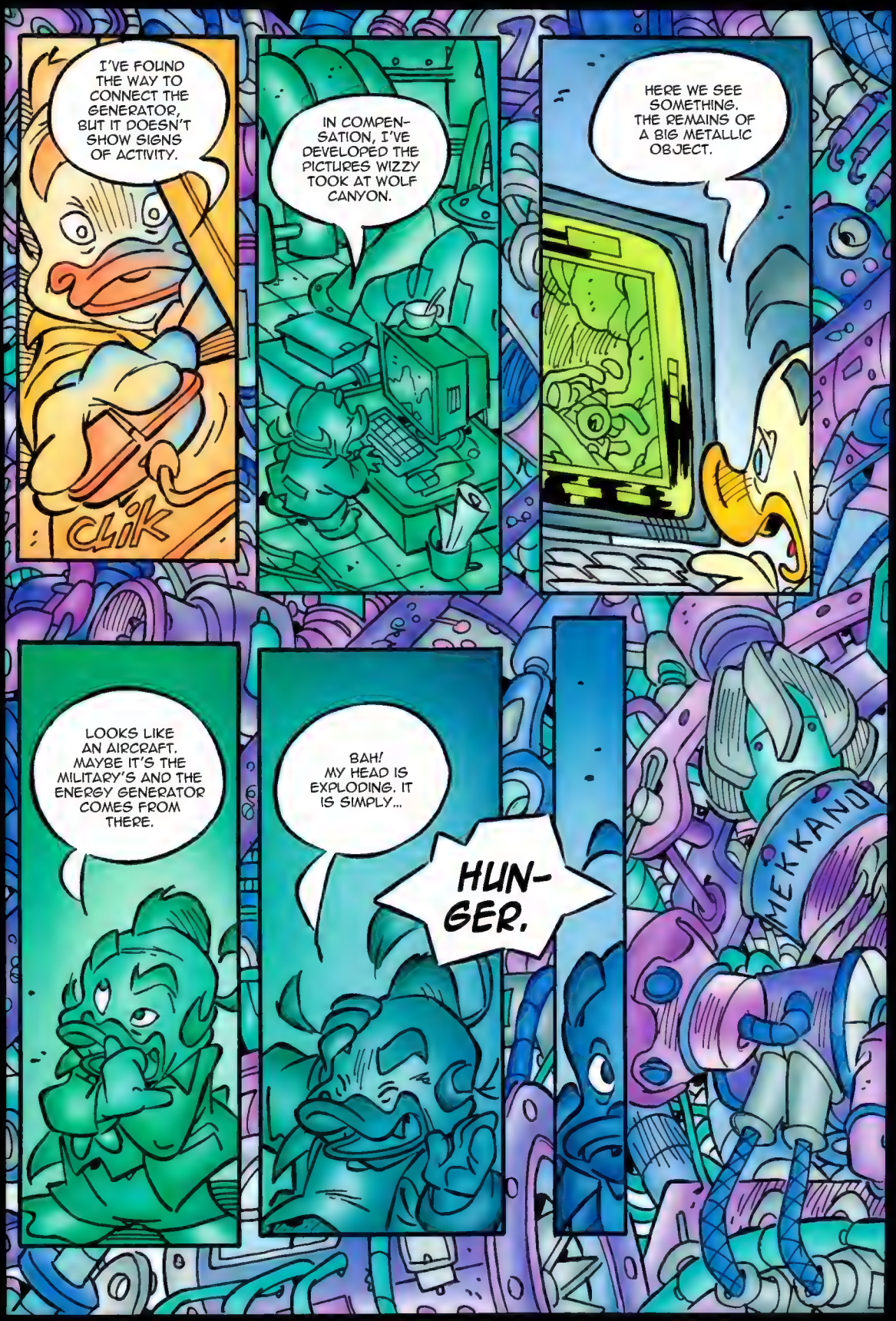

"EARTHLINGS."
"FOR LONG I'VE OBSERVED YOU."
"I'VE LEARNED TO KNOW YOU."
"AND TO HATE YOU."
"I HATE YOU BECAUSE YOU LIVE OF INTENSE EMOTIONS."
WHICH I CAN ONLY STEAL.
I HATE YOU BECAUSE YOU GIVE BODY AND SOUL TO DREAMS.
AND I CAN ONLY ADMIRE THEM.
"BETRAYED MY BRETHREN."
BECAUSE OF YOU, I'VE DENIED MY OWN NATURE.
"FOUGHT MY CHILDREN."


YOU WANT ME TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS HAVE TRIED TO GET RID OF YOU?
THEY'RE AFRAID OF ME. OF MY ILLNESS.
HUH? YOU WOULDN'T BE CONTAGIOUS?
WHAT DISEASE ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU CALL IT... CONSCIOUSNESS.
"YOUR CULTURE HAS INFECTED ME."
THE TEMPEST SHAKESPEARE
"I ALMOST STOPPED DRAINING FEELINGS, BEGINNING TO PRODUCE THEM."
I'VE FELT PAIN. SENSED PITY. DISOBEYED MY ORDERS.
AND ALL THIS IN MY SOCIETY IS INADMISSIBLE.
YOU'VE UNDERGONE SOME KIND OF PSYCHO-PHYSICAL MUTATION.
TOO WEAK TO NOURISH MYSELF. TOO ABNORMAL TO GO UNNOTICED.

CONSC-IOUSNESS? THAT'S IT? I CAUGHT THAT AFTER THE MEASLES.
THIS IS HUMOR OF LOW ALLOY.
THAT'S WHY I HATE YOU. YOU EARTH-LINGS ARE...
SHUT UP!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, ONE?
IN MY OPINION, HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH. BUT THAT DOESN'T HELP MUCH.
WITHOUT HIS TANK, HE WILL SLOWLY DRY UP.
I'M WORKING ON A SUBSTITUTIVE ENERGY SYSTEM. BUT IT WILL BE LIKE GIVING TOMATO JUICE TO A VAMPIRE.

I HEAR IT. IN MY HEAD.
THERE WE GO. HE'S HEARING VOICES.
THE PULSOR ON THE ENERGY TANK. I'M RECEIVING ITS MENTAL TRACE!
THEN, IT HASN'T BEEN DESTROYED.
THE SIGNAL IS INTERMITTENT. THERE'S AN INTERFERENCE OF MAGNETIC NATURE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT EFFECT IT COULD HAVE ON ANOTHER BEING.
SOMEONE HAS FOUND THE TANK AND... ACTIVATED IT.
THAT OBJECT IS MADE FOR ME. A HIGH CASTE EVRONIAN.
IS IT DANGER-OUS?


HELLO THERE, ENGINEER! WORKING LATE AGAIN, EH?
YEAH. OPEN THE DOOR TO THE LABORATORY, SAM.
YOU SHOULDN'T WORK SO MUCH.
FTT
INDEED, I DO FEEL TIRED.
RATHER, THE RIGHT WORD IS... DRAINED.
I REALLY NEED TO REST.
I'M TALKING TO MY-SELF.
AND YOU, WHY ARE YOU HERE? DION'T I PUT YOU ELSEWHERE?


I'VE FOUND THE WAY TO CONNECT THE GENERATOR, BUT IT DOESN'T SHOW SIGNS OF ACTIVITY.
Clik
IN COMPEN-SATION, I'VE DEVELOPED THE PICTURES WIZZY TOOK AT WOLF CANYON.
HERE WE SEE SOMETHING. THE REMAINS OF A BIG METALLIC OBJECT.
LOOKS LIKE AN AIRCRAFT. MAYBE IT'S THE MILITARY'S AND THE ENERGY GENERATOR COMES FROM THERE.
BAH! MY HEAD IS EXPLODING. IT IS SIMPLY...
HUN-GER.
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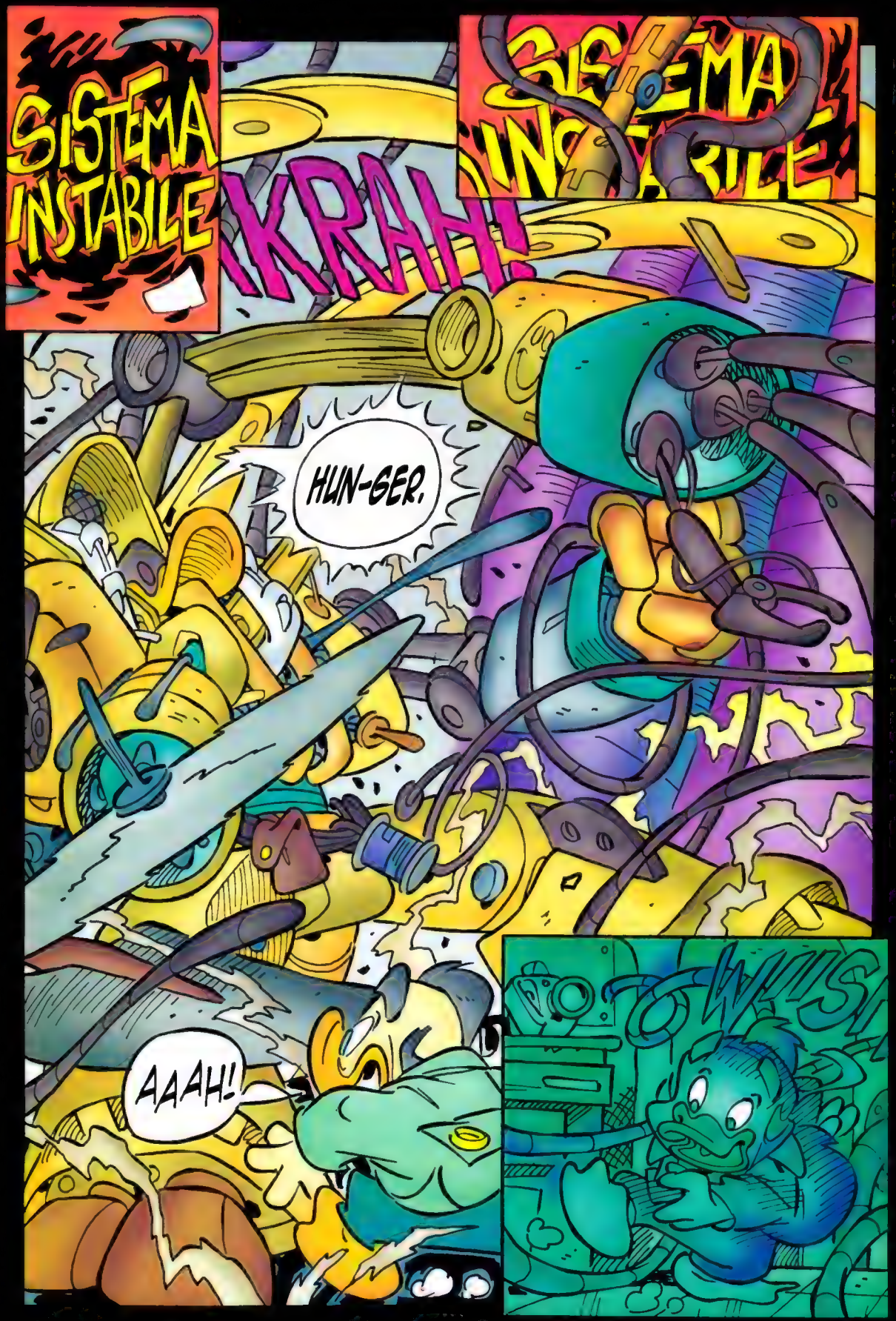
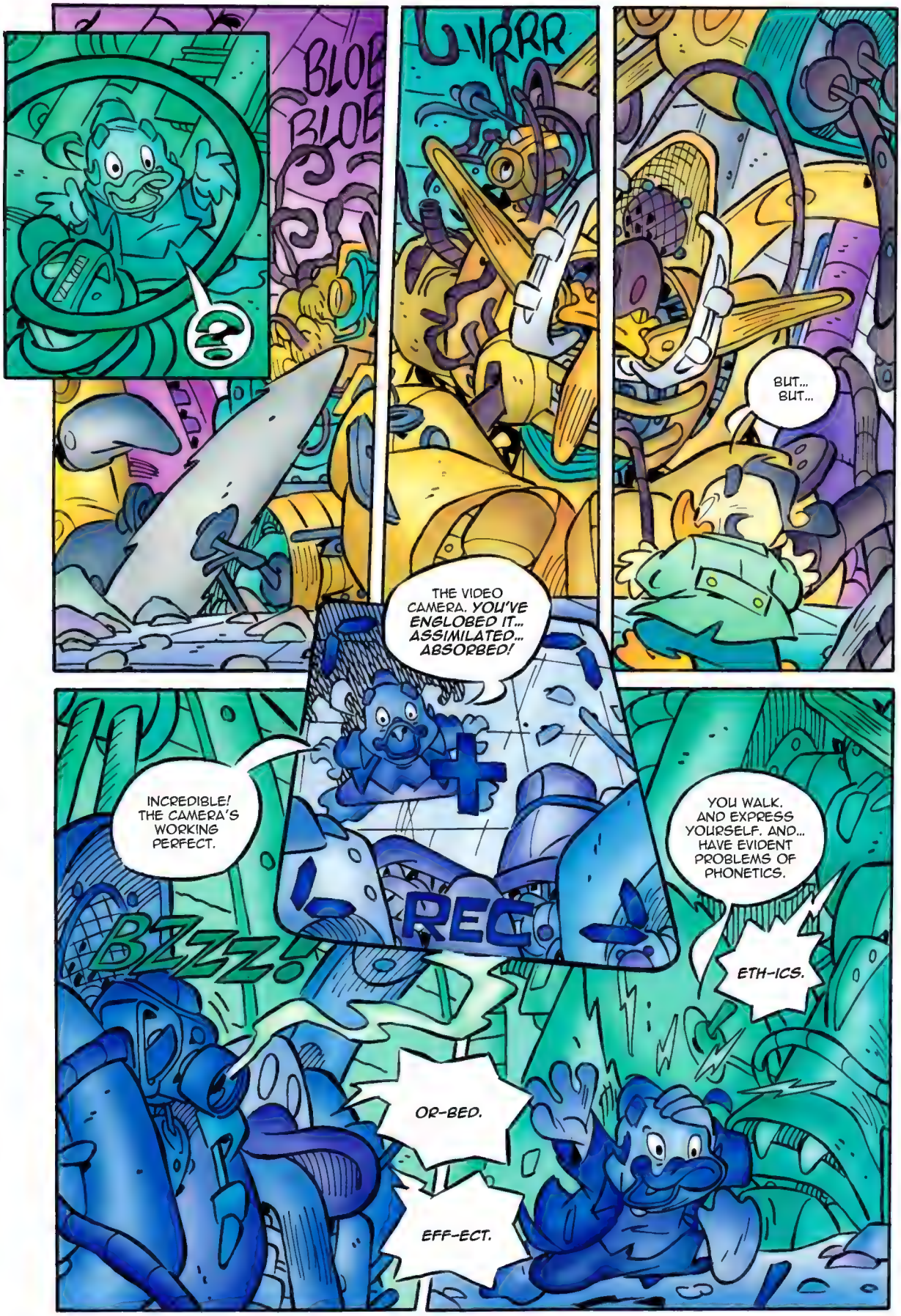
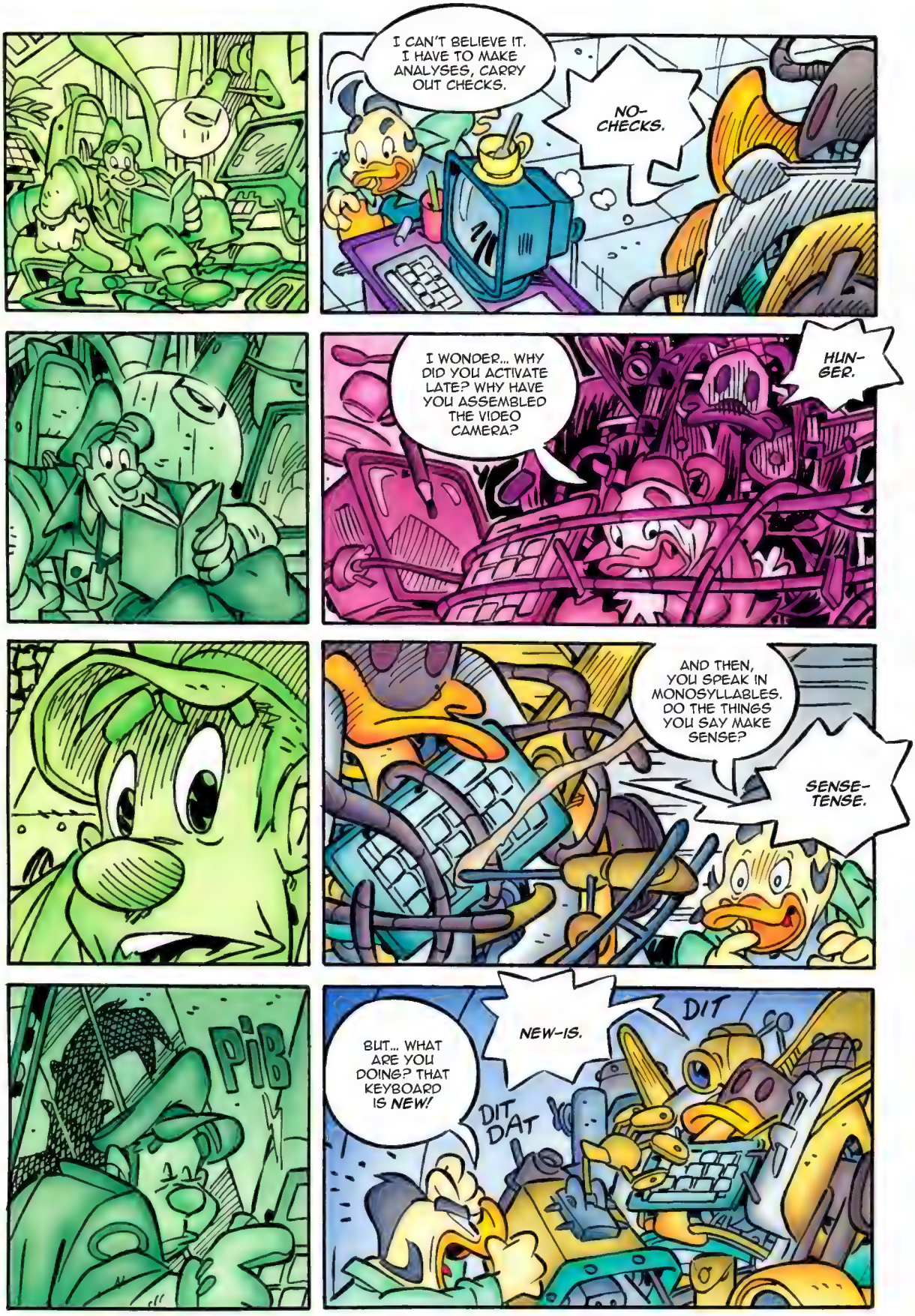

SISTEMA INSTABILE
KRAH!
HUN-GER.
AAAH!


BLOE BLOE
VRRR
BUT... BUT...
THE VIDEO CAMERA. YOU'VE ENGLOBED IT... ASSIMILATED... ABSORBED!
INCREDIBLE! THE CAMERA'S WORKING PERFECT.
REC.
BZZZ!
YOU WALK. AND EXPRESS YOURSELF. AND... HAVE EVIDENT PROBLEMS OF PHONETICS.
ETH-ICS.
OR-BED.
EFF-ECT.


I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. I HAVE TO MAKE ANALYSES, CARRY OUT CHECKS.
NO- CHECKS.
I WONDER... WHY DID YOU ACTIVATE LATE? WHY HAVE YOU ASSEMBLED THE VIDEO CAMERA?
HUN- GER.
AND THEN, YOU SPEAK IN MONOSYLLABLES. DO THE THINGS YOU SAY MAKE SENSE?
SENSE- TENSE.
PIB
BUT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THAT KEYBOARD IS NEW!
NEW-IS.
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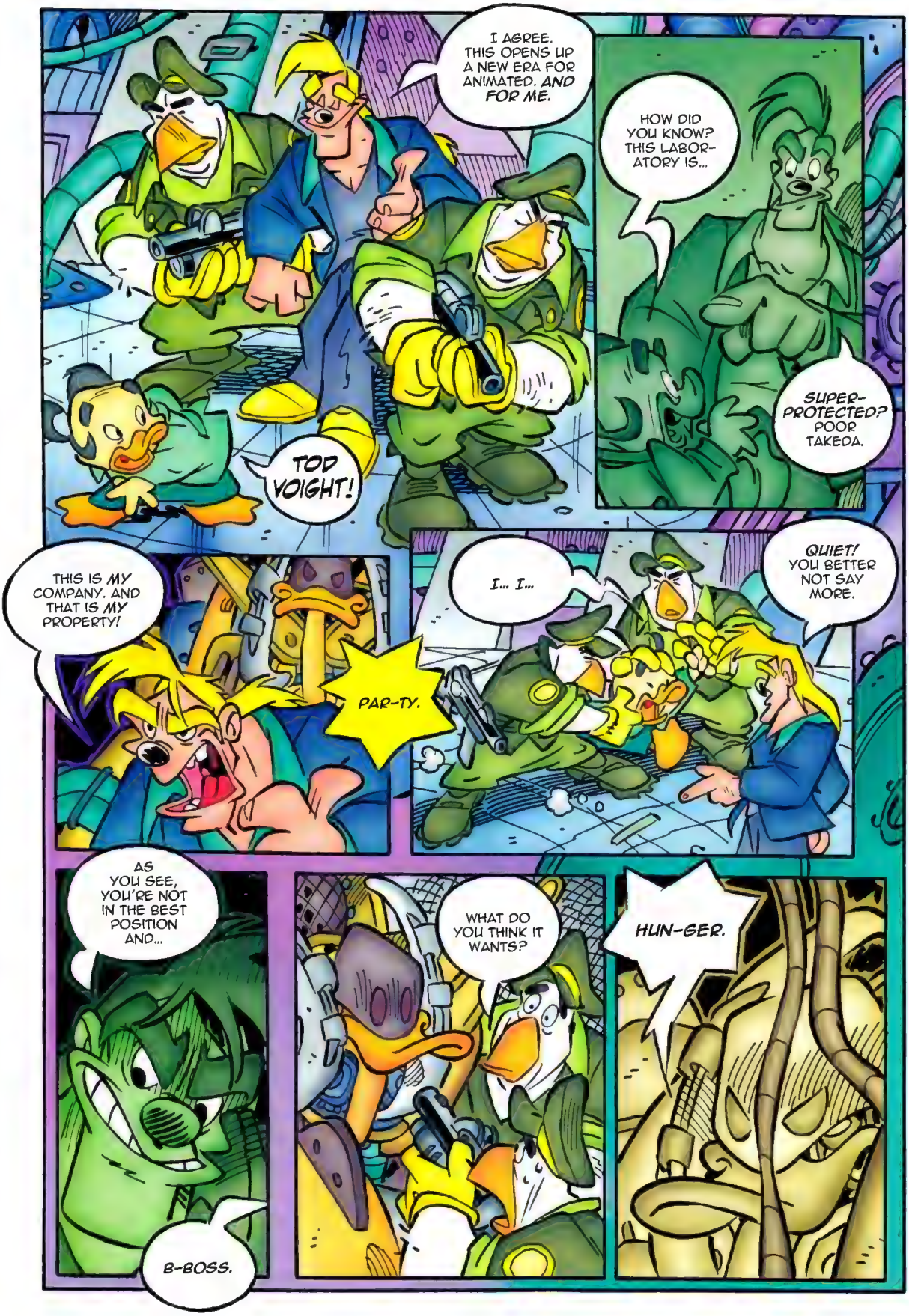
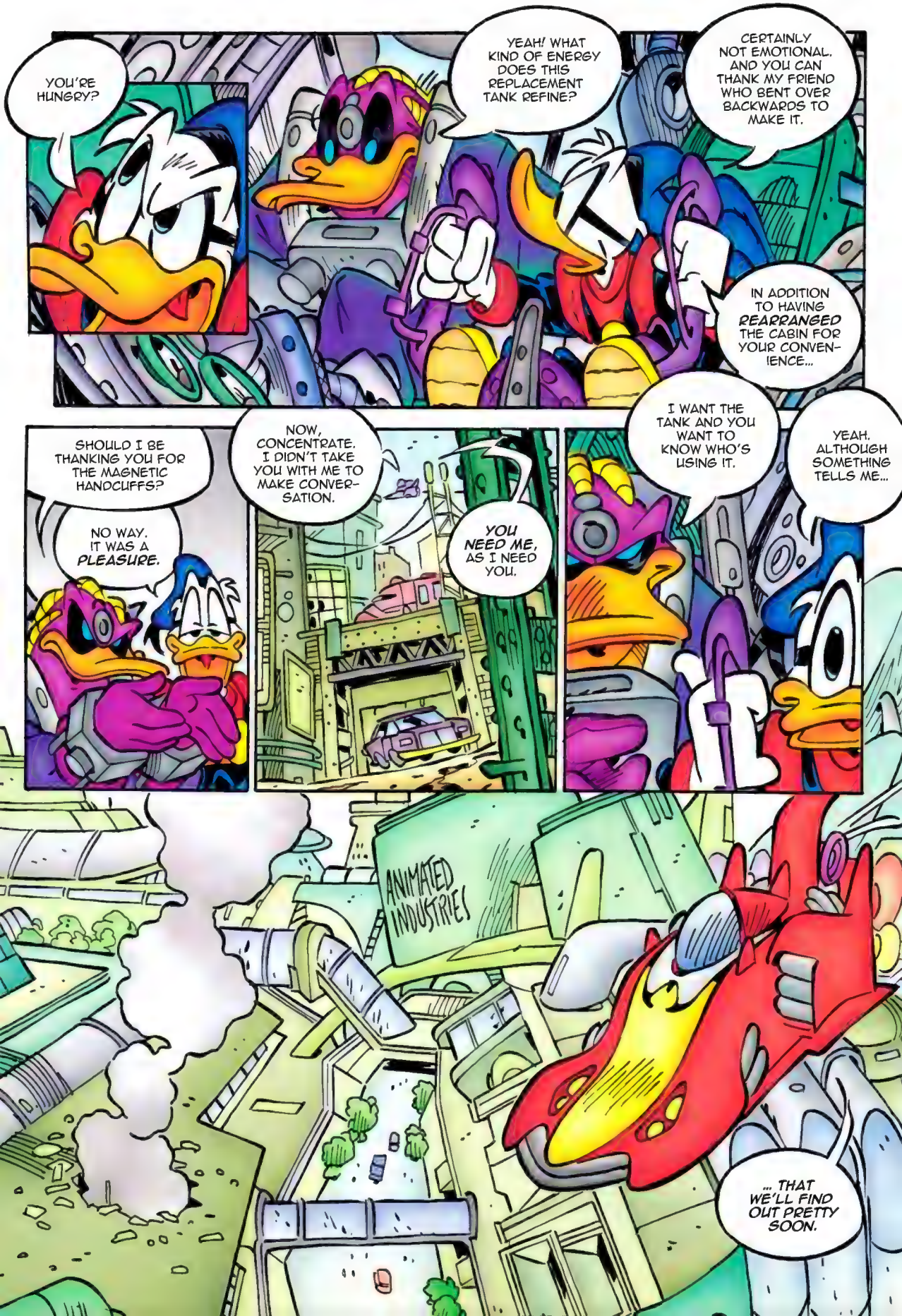
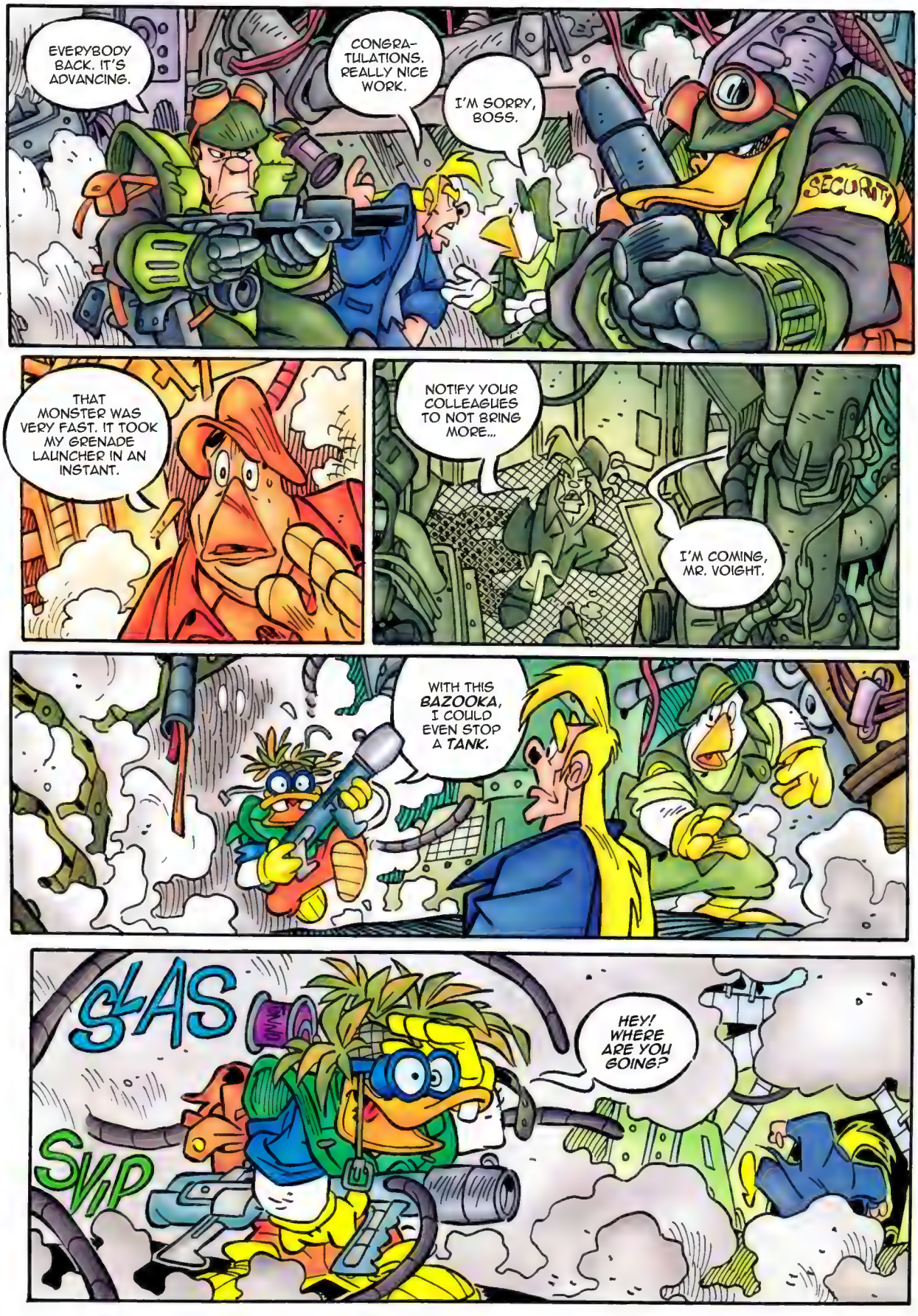
DIT DAT

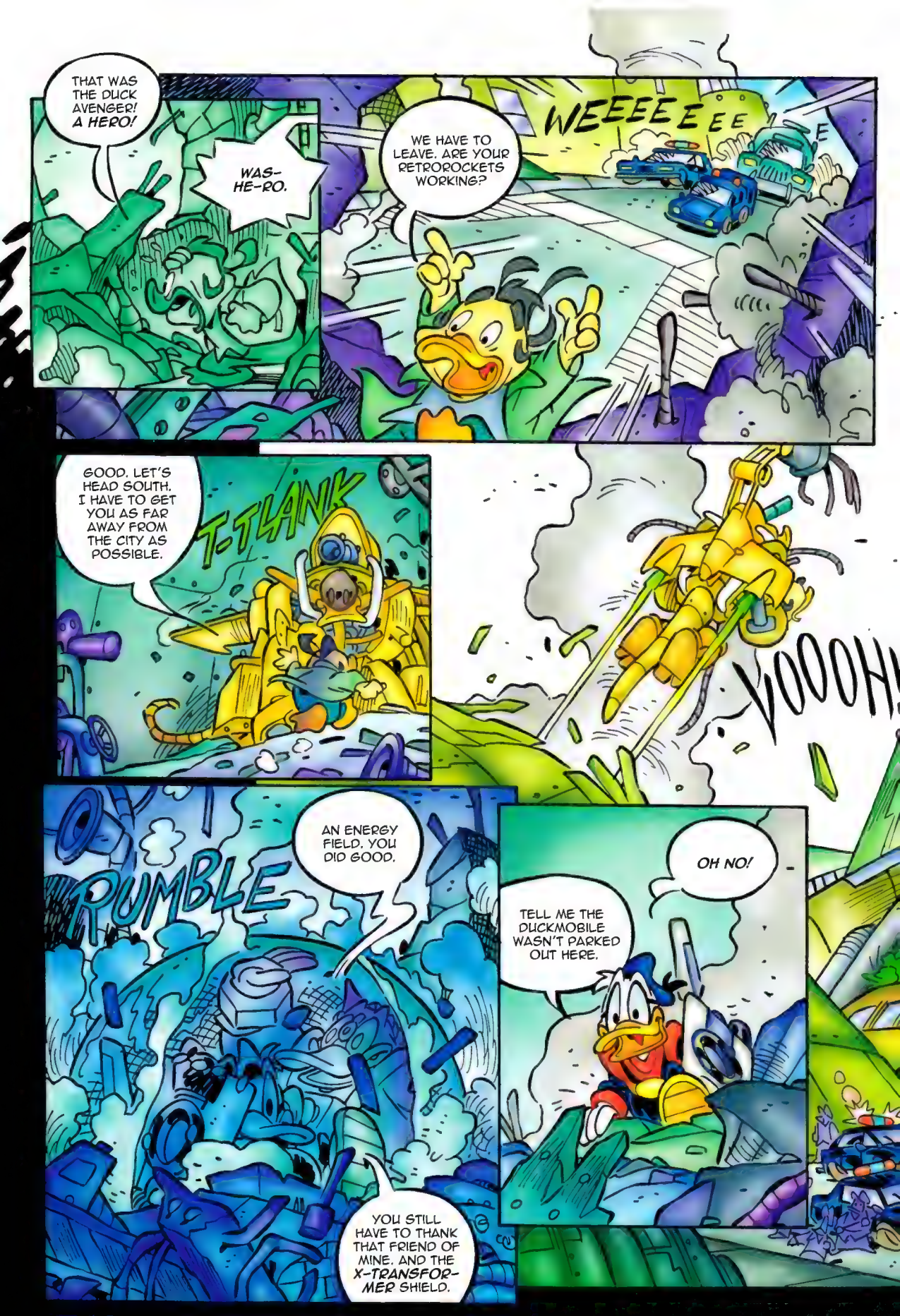

I AGREE. THIS OPENS UP A NEW ERA FOR ANIMATED. AND FOR ME.
HOW DID YOU KNOW? THIS LABOR-ATORY IS...
SUPER-PROTECTED? POOR TAKEDA.
TOD VOIGHT!
THIS IS MY COMPANY. AND THAT IS MY PROPERTY!
PAR-TY.
I... I...
QUIET! YOU BETTER NOT SAY MORE.
AS YOU SEE, YOU'RE NOT IN THE BEST POSITION AND...
B-BOSS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WANTS?
HUN-GER.

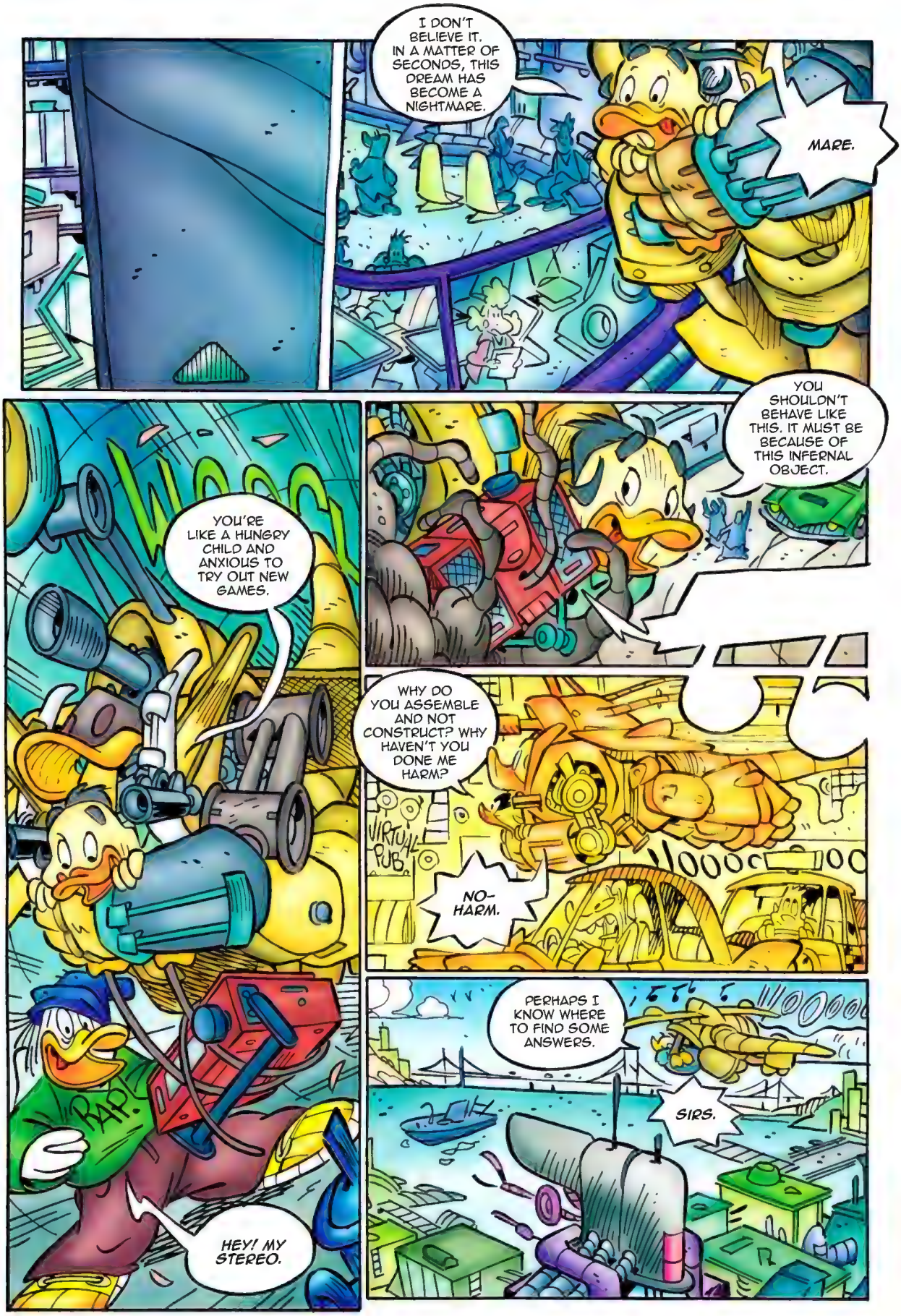
AAAH!
STOP IT! DO SOMETHING!
?!
KAAB KABHA
GET OUT OF HERE! OOOUT!
BRAP BRAAP
TWOT TWOT
NO! STOP! YOU'RE DESTROYING HALF THE BUILDING!
KAW KAW
ARE YOU HAPPY? NOW, ALL THE SECURITY GUARDS WILL COME.
I'M TALKING ABOUT A REAL ARMY, ARMED TO THE TEETH AND...
HUNGER.
PAF

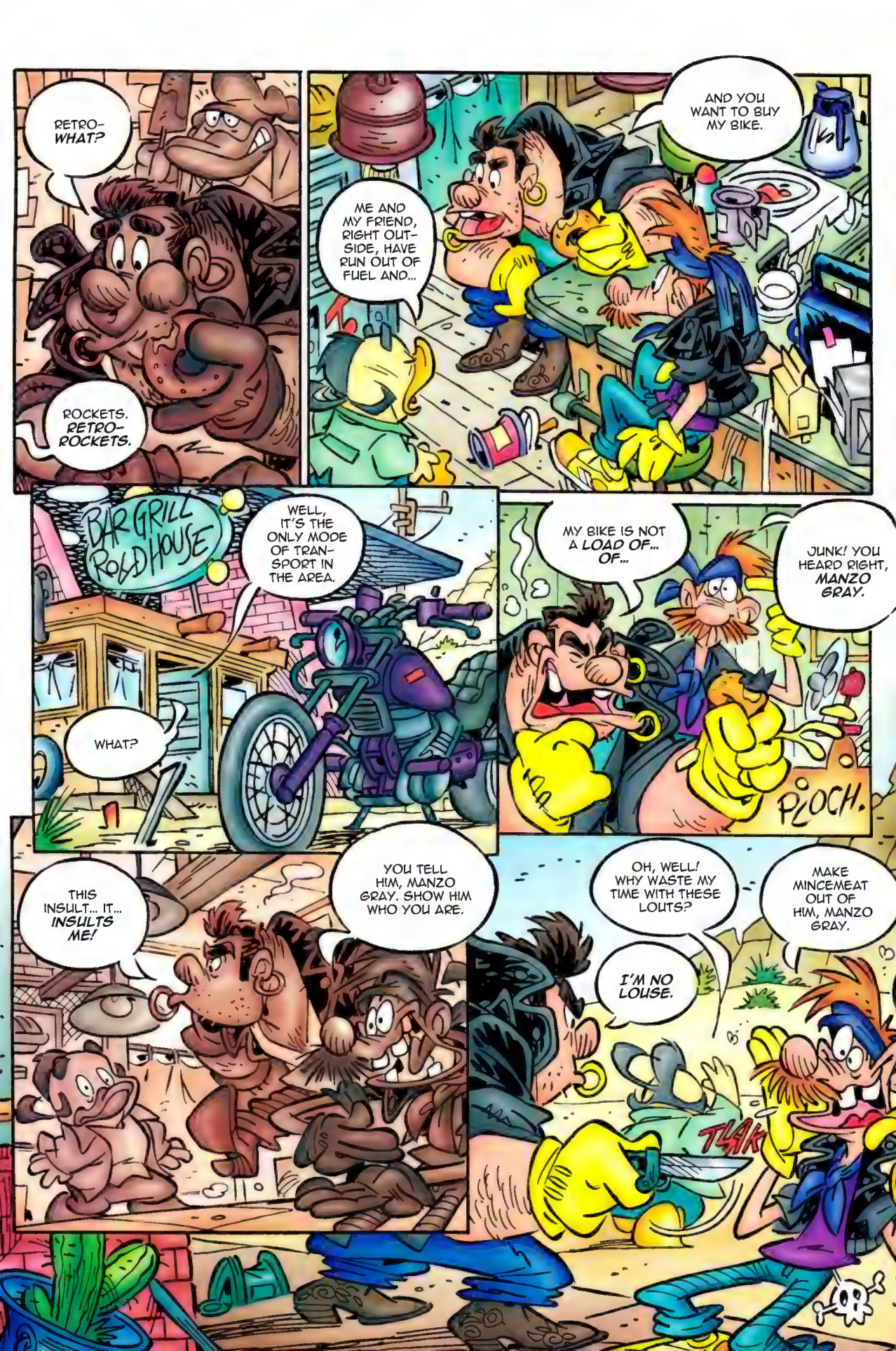

YOU'RE HUNGRY?
YEAH! WHAT KIND OF ENERGY DOES THIS REPLACEMENT TANK REFINE?
CERTAINLY NOT EMOTIONAL. AND YOU CAN THANK MY FRIEND WHO BENT OVER BACKWARDS TO MAKE IT.
IN ADDITION TO HAVING *REARRANGED* THE CABIN FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE...
SHOULD I BE THANKING YOU FOR THE MAGNETIC HANDCUFFS?
NO WAY. IT WAS A *PLEASURE.*
NOW, CONCENTRATE. I DIDN'T TAKE YOU WITH ME TO MAKE CONVERSATION.
YOU NEED ME, AS I NEED YOU.
I WANT THE TANK AND YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO'S USING IT.
YEAH. ALTHOUGH SOMETHING TELLS ME...
ANIMATED INDUSTRIES
... THAT WE'LL FIND OUT PRETTY SOON.

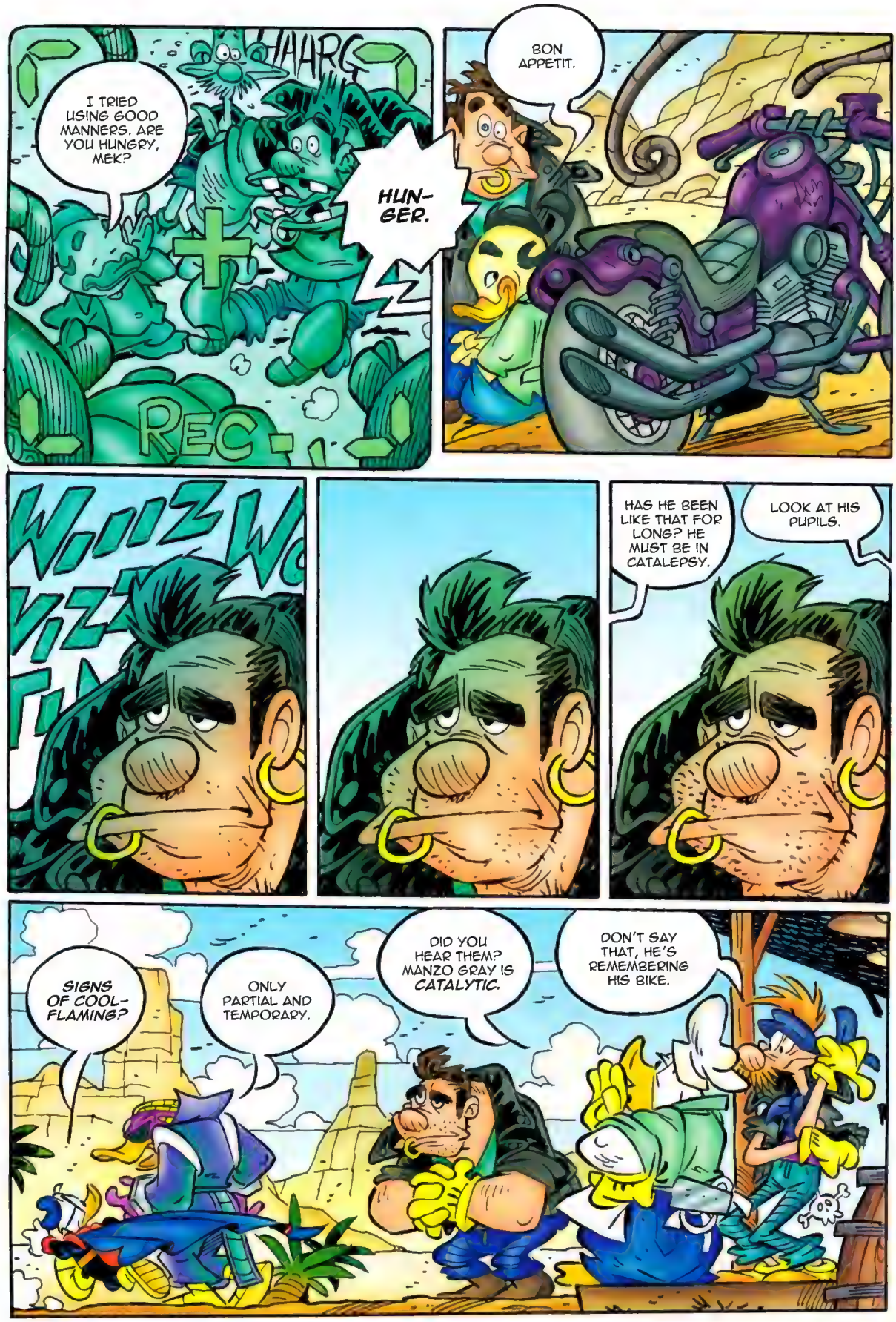

EVERYBODY BACK. IT'S ADVANCING.
CONGRATULATIONS. REALLY NICE WORK.
I'M SORRY, BOSS.
SECURITY
THAT MONSTER WAS VERY FAST. IT TOOK MY GRENADE LAUNCHER IN AN INSTANT.
NOTIFY YOUR COLLEAGUES TO NOT BRING MORE...
I'M COMING, MR. VOIGHT.
WITH THIS BAZOOKA, I COULD EVEN STOP A TANK.
SLAS
SVIP
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

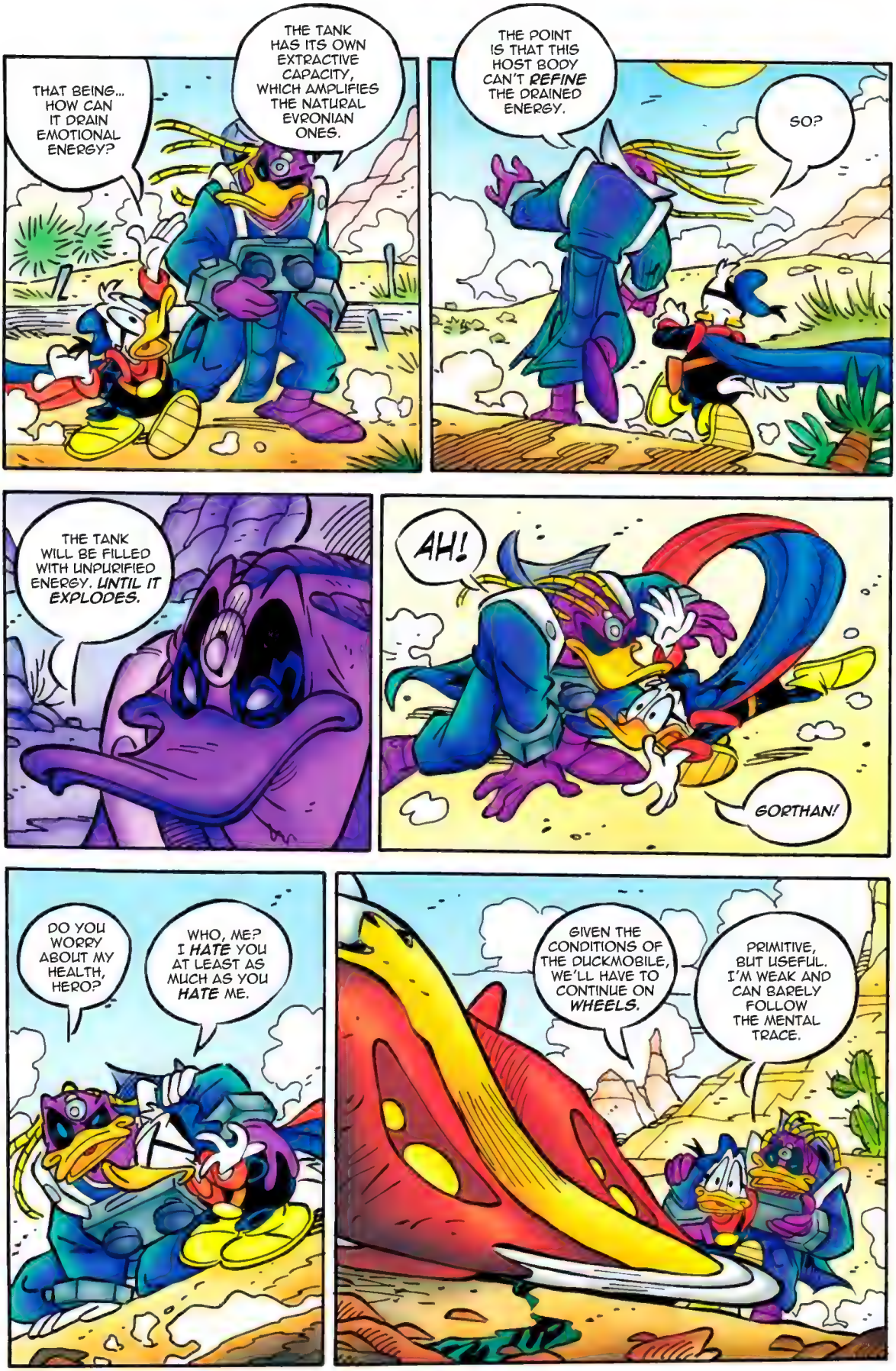
I FEEL IT'S VERY CLOSE. WE'LL FIND IT HERE.
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SAY THAT.
RUN! IT'S GONNA SHOOT.
WHAT? WHY? AND, ABOVE ALL, AT WHO?
SKRAAKATOO
POW
FFOOOM
KA-BOOM
MEKKANO!
LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
ONE.

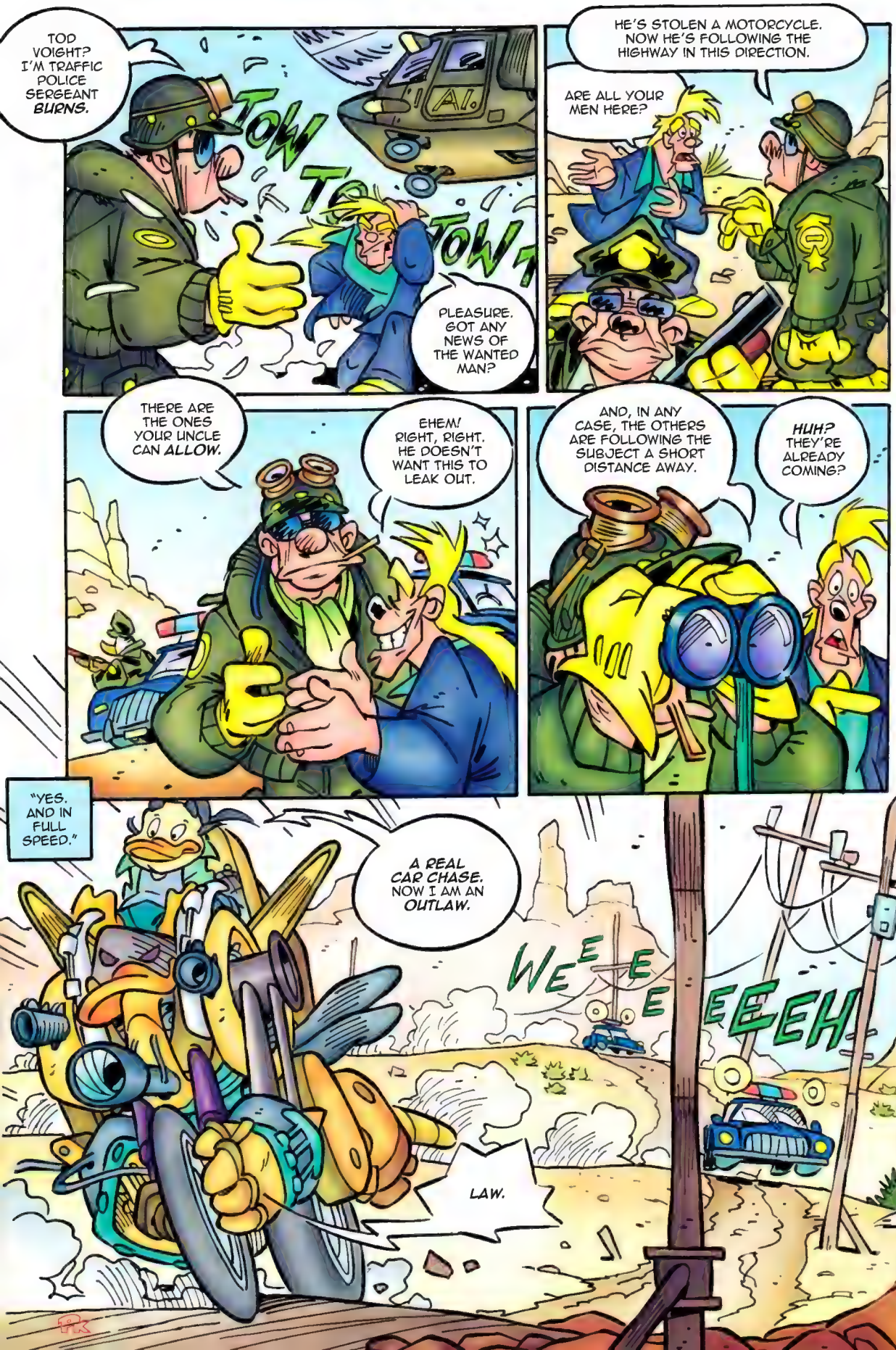

THAT WAS THE DUCK AVENGER! A HERO!
WAS-HE-RO.
WE HAVE TO LEAVE. ARE YOUR RETROROCKETS WORKING?
WEEEEEEEE
GOOD. LET'S HEAD SOUTH. I HAVE TO GET YOU AS FAR AWAY FROM THE CITY AS POSSIBLE.
T-TLANK
WOOOH!
RUMBLE
AN ENERGY FIELD. YOU DID GOOD.
YOU STILL HAVE TO THANK THAT FRIEND OF MINE, AND THE X-TRANSFORMER SHIELD.
OH NO!
TELL ME THE DUCKMOBILE WASN'T PARKED OUT HERE.

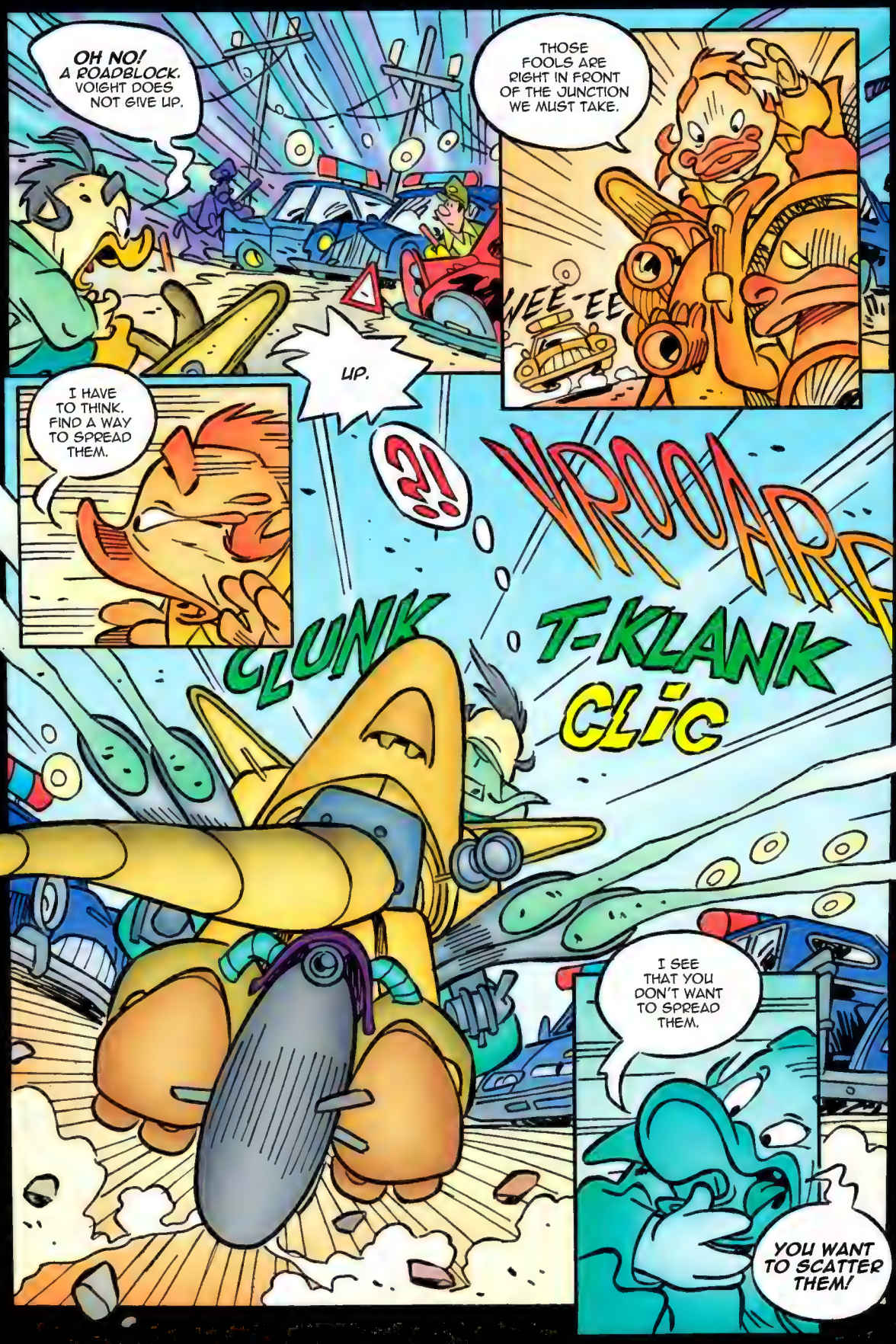

I DON'T BELIEVE IT. IN A MATTER OF SECONDS, THIS DREAM HAS BECOME A NIGHTMARE.
MARE.
YOU SHOULDN'T BEHAVE LIKE THIS. IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF THIS INFERNAL OBJECT.
YOU'RE LIKE A HUNGRY CHILD AND ANXIOUS TO TRY OUT NEW GAMES.
WHY DO YOU ASSEMBLE AND NOT CONSTRUCT? WHY HAVEN'T YOU DONE ME HARM?
NO-HARM.
PERHAPS I KNOW WHERE TO FIND SOME ANSWERS.
SIRS.
RAP!
HEY! MY STEREO.

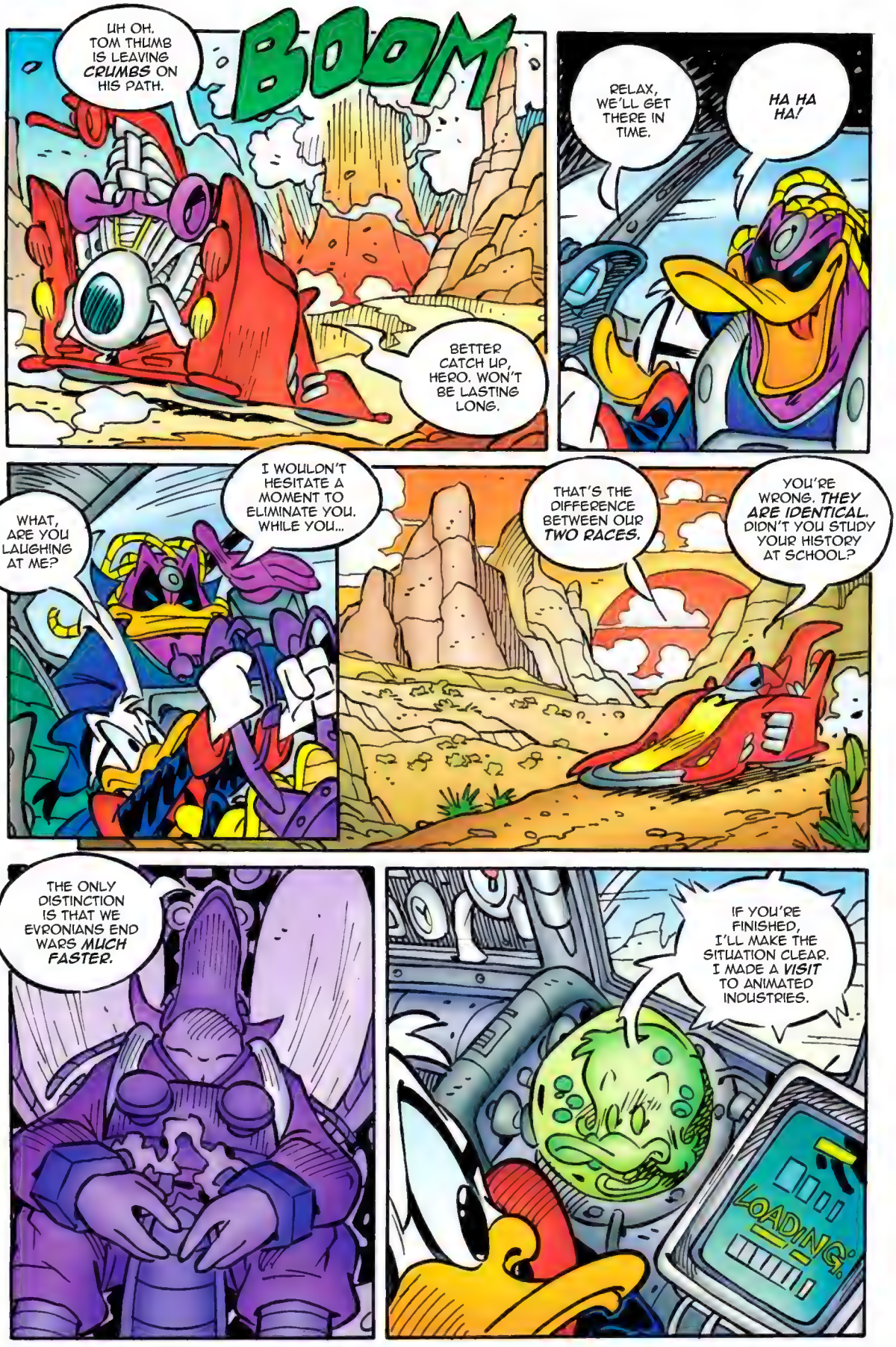

RETRO- WHAT?
ROCKETS. RETRO- ROCKETS.
ME AND MY FRIEND, RIGHT OUT- SIDE, HAVE RUN OUT OF FUEL AND...
AND YOU WANT TO BUY MY BIKE.
BAR GRILL ROADHOUSE
WELL, IT'S THE ONLY MODE OF TRAN- SPORT IN THE AREA.
WHAT?
MY BIKE IS NOT A LOAD OF... OF...
JUNK! YOU HEARD RIGHT, MANZO GRAY.
PLOCH.
THIS INSULT... IT... INSULTS ME!
YOU TELL HIM, MANZO GRAY. SHOW HIM WHO YOU ARE.
OH, WELL! WHY WASTE MY TIME WITH THESE LOUTS?
I'M NO LOUSE.
MAKE MINCEMEAT OUT OF HIM, MANZO GRAY.
TLAK

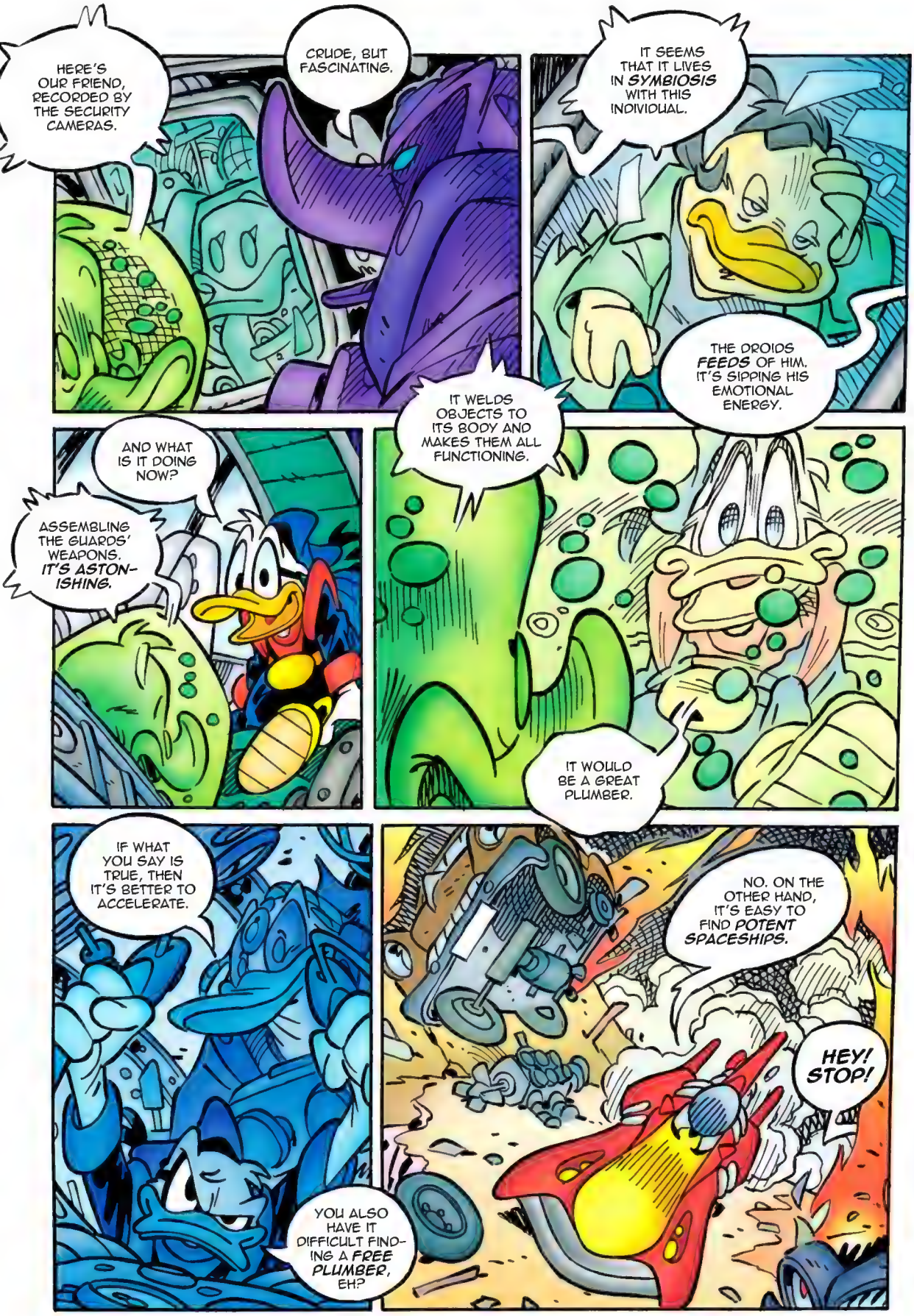

I TRIED USING GOOD MANNERS. ARE YOU HUNGRY, MEK?
HAARG
HUN-GER.
REC
BON APPETIT.
WHIZ
HAS HE BEEN LIKE THAT FOR LONG? HE MUST BE IN CATALEPSY.
LOOK AT HIS PUPILS.
SIGNS OF COOL-FLAMING?
ONLY PARTIAL AND TEMPORARY.
DID YOU HEAR THEM? MANZO GRAY IS CATALYTIC.
DON'T SAY THAT, HE'S REMEMBERING HIS BIKE.

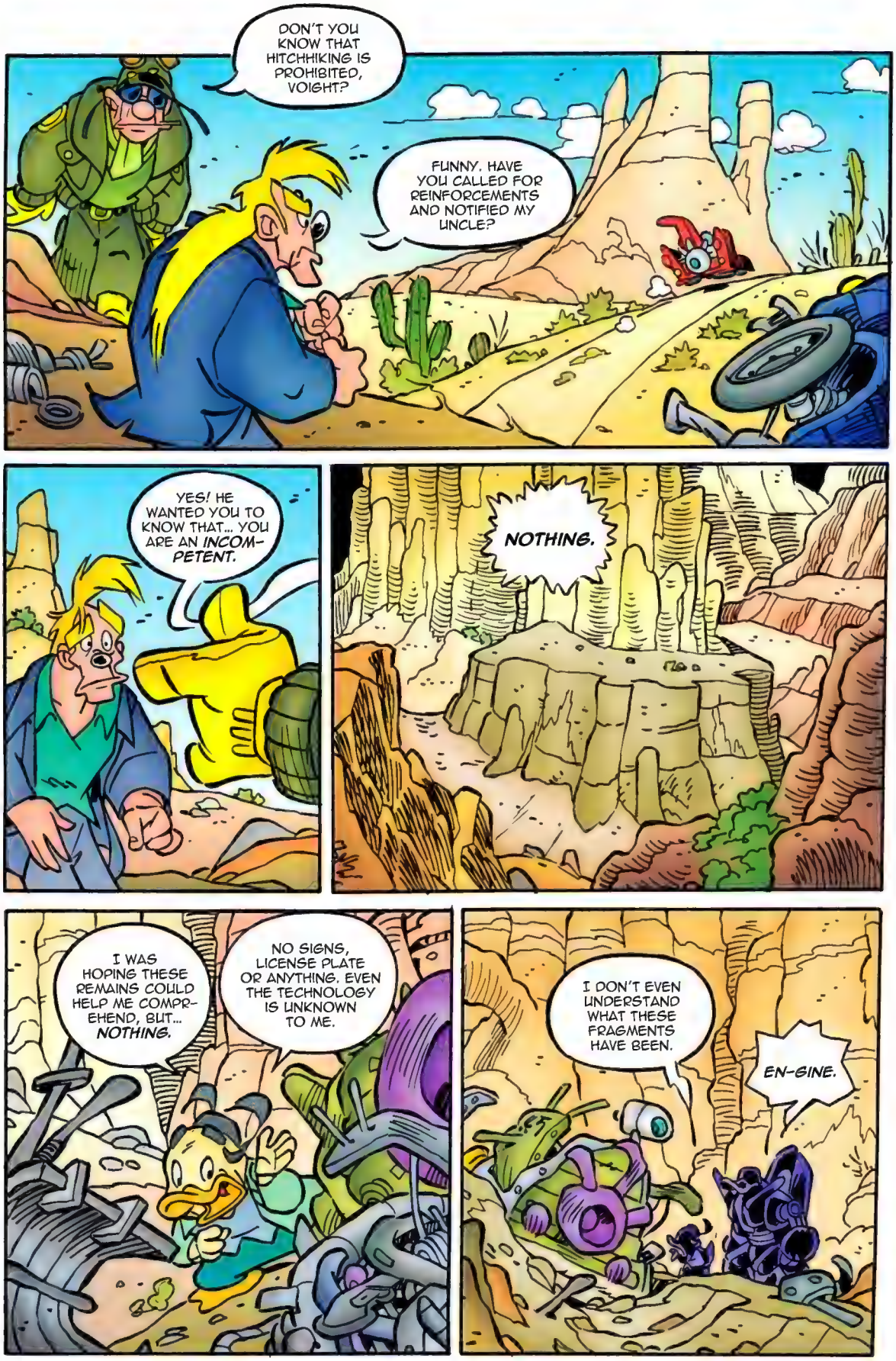

THAT BEING... HOW CAN IT DRAIN EMOTIONAL ENERGY?
THE TANK HAS ITS OWN EXTRACTIVE CAPACITY, WHICH AMPLIFIES THE NATURAL EVRONIAN ONES.
THE POINT IS THAT THIS HOST BODY CAN'T *REFINE* THE DRAINED ENERGY.
SO?
THE TANK WILL BE FILLED WITH UNPURIFIED ENERGY. *UNTIL IT EXPLODES.*
AH!
GORTHAN!
DO YOU WORRY ABOUT MY HEALTH, HERO?
WHO, ME? I *HATE* YOU AT LEAST AS MUCH AS YOU *HATE* ME.
GIVEN THE CONDITIONS OF THE DUCKMOBILE, WE'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE ON *WHEELS.*
PRIMITIVE, BUT USEFUL. I'M WEAK AND CAN BARELY FOLLOW THE MENTAL TRACE.

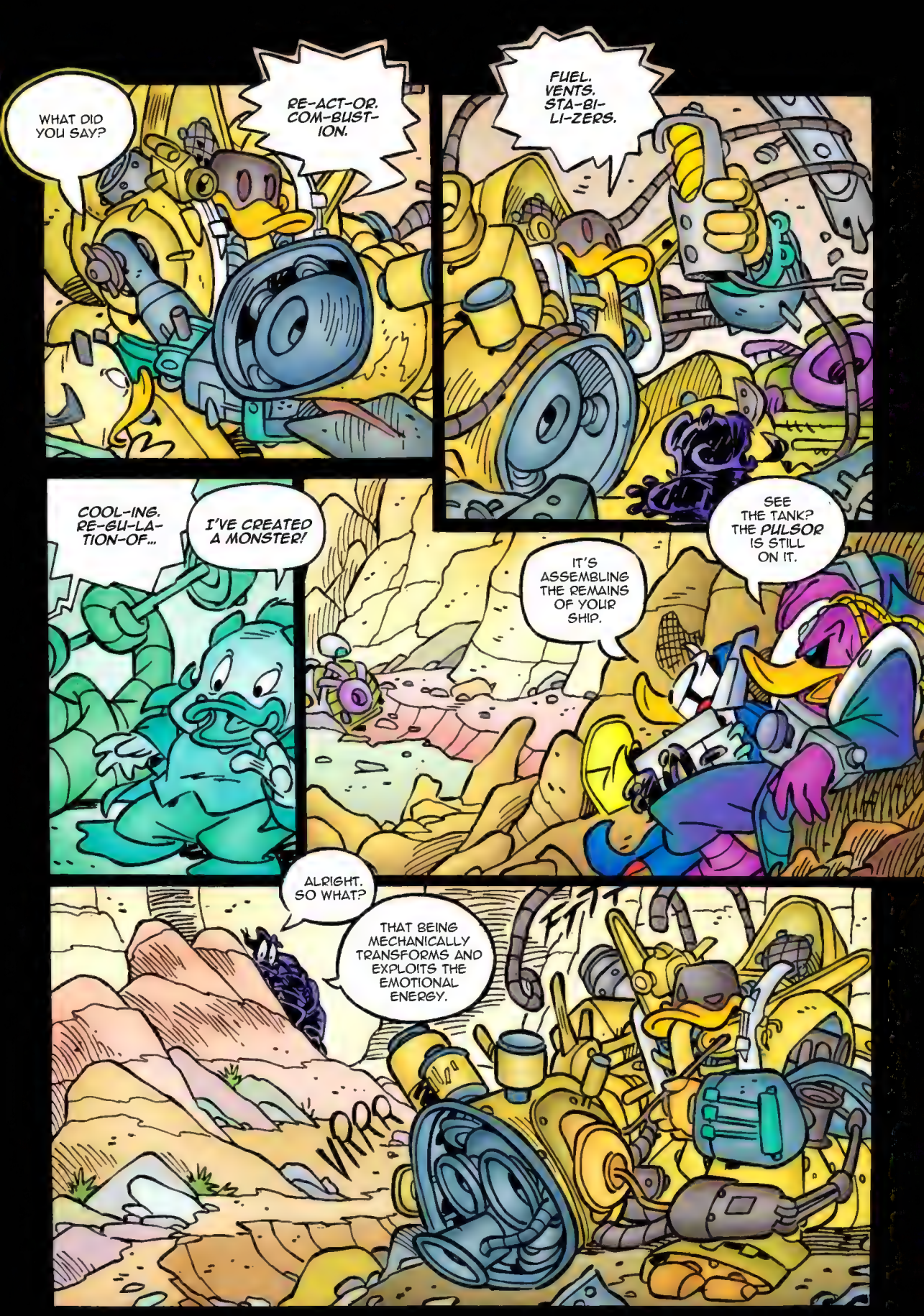

TOD VOIGHT? I'M TRAFFIC POLICE SERGEANT BURNS.
TOW
TOW
PLEASURE. GOT ANY NEWS OF THE WANTED MAN?
HE'S STOLEN A MOTORCYCLE. NOW HE'S FOLLOWING THE HIGHWAY IN THIS DIRECTION.
ARE ALL YOUR MEN HERE?
THERE ARE THE ONES YOUR UNCLE CAN ALLOW.
EHEM! RIGHT, RIGHT. HE DOESN'T WANT THIS TO LEAK OUT.
AND, IN ANY CASE, THE OTHERS ARE FOLLOWING THE SUBJECT A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY.
HUH? THEY'RE ALREADY COMING?
"YES. AND IN FULL SPEED."
A REAL CAR CHASE. NOW I AM AN OUTLAW.
WEEEEEEEEH
LAW.

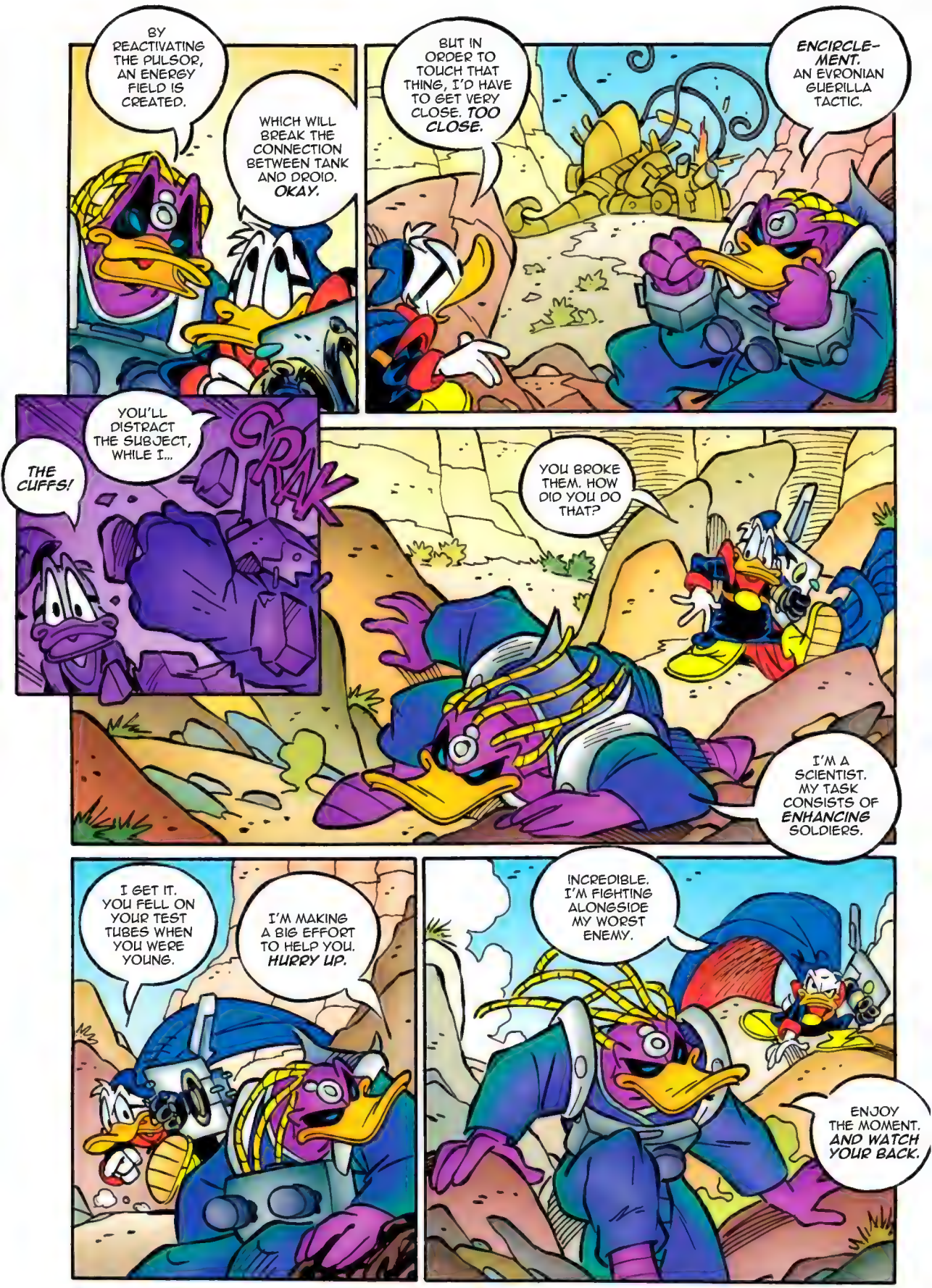

OH NO! A ROADBLOCK. VOIGHT DOES NOT GIVE UP.
THOSE FOOLS ARE RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE JUNCTION WE MUST TAKE.
WEE-EE
UP.
I HAVE TO THINK. FIND A WAY TO SPREAD THEM.
?!
VROOARR
CLUNK
T-KLANK
CLIC
I SEE THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO SPREAD THEM.
YOU WANT TO SCATTER THEM!


UH OH. TOM THUMB IS LEAVING CRUMBS ON HIS PATH.
BOOM
BETTER CATCH UP, HERO. WON'T BE LASTING LONG.
RELAX, WE'LL GET THERE IN TIME.
HA HA HA!
WHAT, ARE YOU LAUGHING AT ME?
I WOULDN'T HESITATE A MOMENT TO ELIMINATE YOU. WHILE YOU...
THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR TWO RACES.
YOU'RE WRONG. THEY ARE IDENTICAL. DIDN'T YOU STUDY YOUR HISTORY AT SCHOOL?
THE ONLY DISTINCTION IS THAT WE EVRONIANS END WARS MUCH FASTER.
IF YOU'RE FINISHED, I'LL MAKE THE SITUATION CLEAR. I MADE A VISIT TO ANIMATED INDUSTRIES.
LOADING...


HERE'S OUR FRIEND, RECORDED BY THE SECURITY CAMERAS.
CRUDE, BUT FASCINATING.
IT SEEMS THAT IT LIVES IN SYMBIOSIS WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL.
THE DROIDS FEEDS OF HIM. IT'S SIPPING HIS EMOTIONAL ENERGY.
AND WHAT IS IT DOING NOW?
ASSEMBLING THE GUARDS' WEAPONS. IT'S ASTONISHING.
IT WELDS OBJECTS TO ITS BODY AND MAKES THEM ALL FUNCTIONING.
IT WOULD BE A GREAT PLUMBER.
IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, THEN IT'S BETTER TO ACCELERATE.
YOU ALSO HAVE IT DIFFICULT FINDING A FREE PLUMBER, EH?
NO. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT'S EASY TO FIND POTENT SPACESHIPS.
HEY! STOP!


DON'T YOU KNOW THAT HITCHHIKING IS PROHIBITED, VOIGHT?
FUNNY. HAVE YOU CALLED FOR REINFORCEMENTS AND NOTIFIED MY UNCLE?
YES! HE WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT... YOU ARE AN INCOM-PETENT.
NOTHING.
I WAS HOPING THESE REMAINS COULD HELP ME COMPR-EHEND, BUT... NOTHING.
NO SIGNS, LICENSE PLATE OR ANYTHING. EVEN THE TECHNOLOGY IS UNKNOWN TO ME.
I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT THESE FRAGMENTS HAVE BEEN.
EN-GINE.

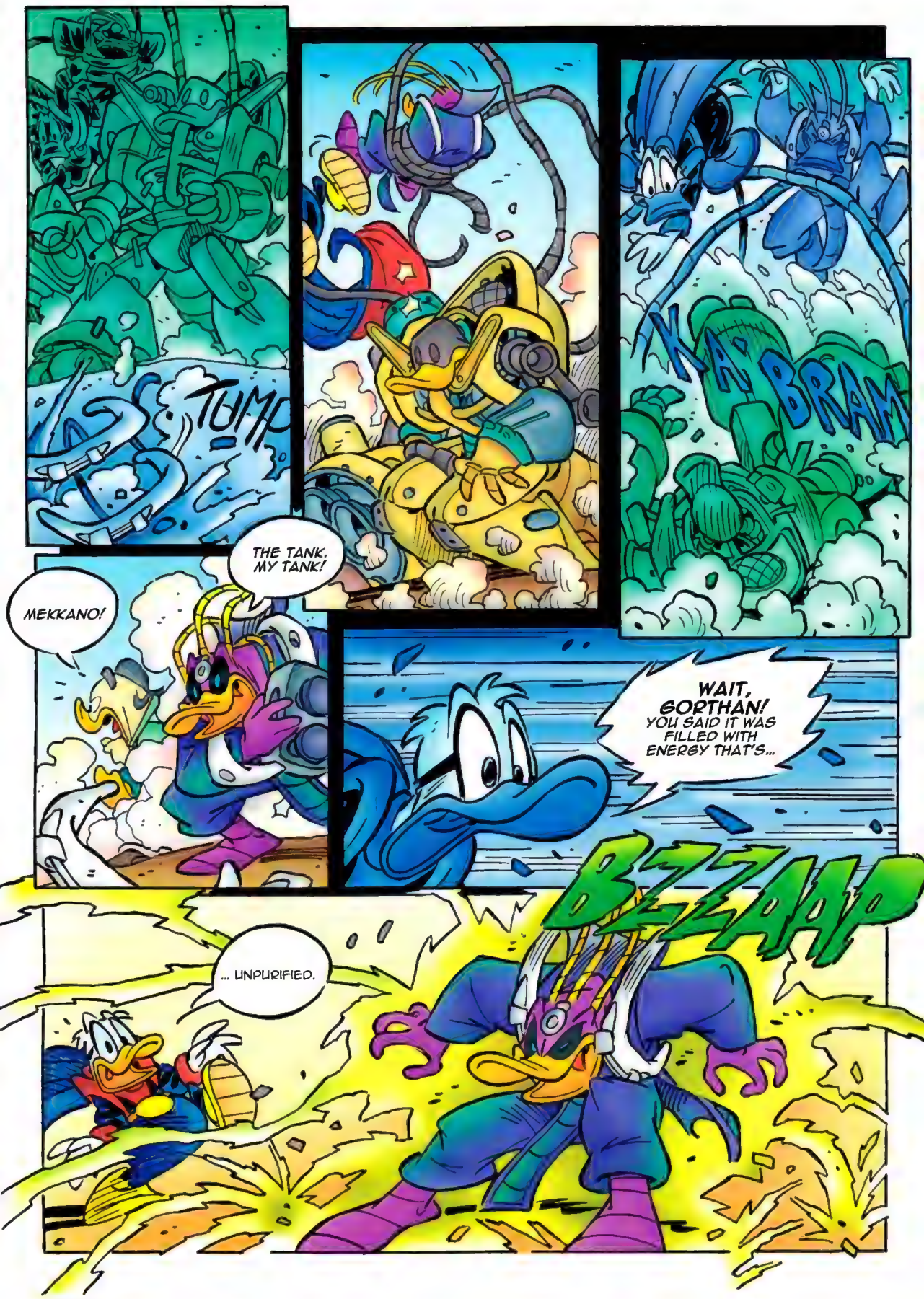

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
RE-ACT-OR. COM-BUST-ION.
FUEL. VENTS. STA-BI-LI-ZERS.
COOL-ING. RE-GU-LA-TION-OF...
I'VE CREATED A MONSTER!
IT'S ASSEMBLING THE REMAINS OF YOUR SHIP.
SEE THE TANK? THE PULSOR IS STILL ON IT.
ALRIGHT. SO WHAT?
THAT BEING MECHANICALLY TRANSFORMS AND EXPLOITS THE EMOTIONAL ENERGY.
VRRR
FIT


BY REACTIVATING THE PULSOR, AN ENERGY FIELD IS CREATED.
WHICH WILL BREAK THE CONNECTION BETWEEN TANK AND DROID. OKAY.
BUT IN ORDER TO TOUCH THAT THING, I'D HAVE TO GET VERY CLOSE. TOO CLOSE.
ENCIRCLEMENT. AN EVRONIAN GUERILLA TACTIC.
THE CUFFS!
YOU'LL DISTRACT THE SUBJECT, WHILE I...
CRAK
YOU BROKE THEM. HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
I'M A SCIENTIST. MY TASK CONSISTS OF ENHANCING SOLDIERS.
I GET IT. YOU FELL ON YOUR TEST TUBES WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG.
I'M MAKING A BIG EFFORT TO HELP YOU. HURRY UP.
INCREDIBLE. I'M FIGHTING ALONGSIDE MY WORST ENEMY.
ENJOY THE MOMENT. AND WATCH YOUR BACK.

DUCK AVENGER! YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.
TELL YOUR FRIEND TO LAY DOWN THE WEAPO... EHEM... TO SURRENDER.
DON'T COME NEAR. I CAN NO LONGER ANSWER FOR ITS ACTIONS.
GORTHAN'S IN POSITION.
FIN-ISH-ED.
KABRAAK
?
EN-GINE.

PHEEEW! THE SHIELD MIRACULOUSLY DIDN'T MELT.
MEKKANO! STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GOT YOU!
QUICK! THE PULSOR!
AH!
KEEP IT STILL! I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING.
NO- HARM.

HUN-
GER.
OKAY, PAL! THE TIME HAS TO COME TO END THIS GA...
THE X-TRANS-FORMER!
HEY, I WAS JOKING! IF YOU WANT... YOU CAN KEEP THE SHIELD!
BECAUSE IT'S IN A GOOD POSITION.
FIST!
FUUZ
YES!
WAM
TOK


TUMP
KA-BRAM
THE TANK. MY TANK!
MEKKANO!
WAIT, GORTHAN! YOU SAID IT WAS FILLED WITH ENERGY THAT'S...
BZZAAP
... UNPURIFIED.

GORT-HAN!
MY ENEMY.
DO YOU HEAR ME?
I HEAR YOU.
GOOD THING. I WAS CONVINCED THAT STRANGE SHOCK HAD YOU...
CURED?
IN FACT, I'VE NEVER FELT BETTER, EARTHLING.
HUH? DO YOU NOT RECOGNIZE ME, PERHAPS?
OR DO YOU WANT TO START AGAIN WITH YOUR TIRADE AGAINST EARTHLINGS?
EHEM... DUCK AVENGER.

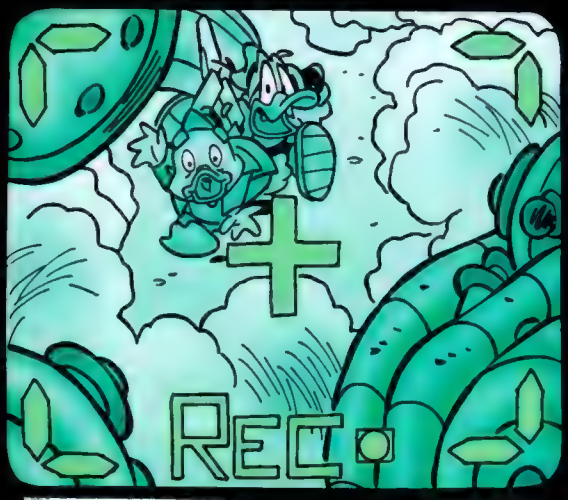
I HATE YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE THINGS I DON'T HAVE, AND YOU DON'T WASH YOURSELVES AND BLAH BLAH BLAH...
DUCK AVENGER! WAKE UP! WATCH OUT.
EH? WHAT IS IT? CAN'T YOU SEE I'M TALKING?
I DON'T HATE YOU, EARTHLINGS.
I CAN'T HATE...
... WHAT I...
KRUNK
... LOVE!

SWIISS
?
HUN.
GER.

AAARGH!
SLASH
CLANK

IT'S HORRIBLE.
IT'S... ENGLOBING HIM.
VRRR KRUHM W!!!H!
MEKKANO! STOP!
GET BACK!
WHAT'S IT DOING?
IT'S ACTIVATED THE REACTOR.
WOOOO
VOOOOSH
STAND BACK, IT'S ABOUT TO LEAVE!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
MEK!

"WHEN YOUR SORROW IS COMFORTED."

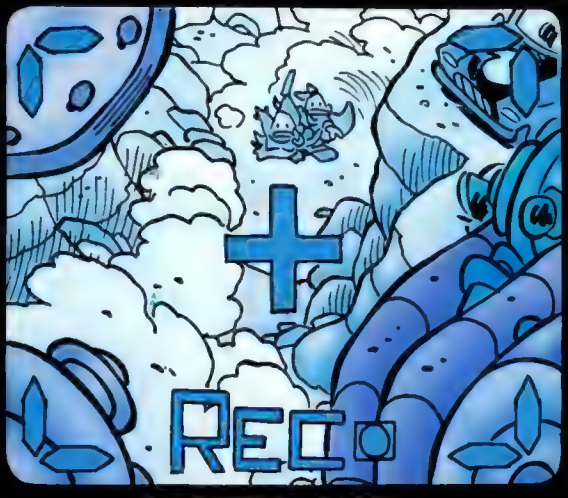


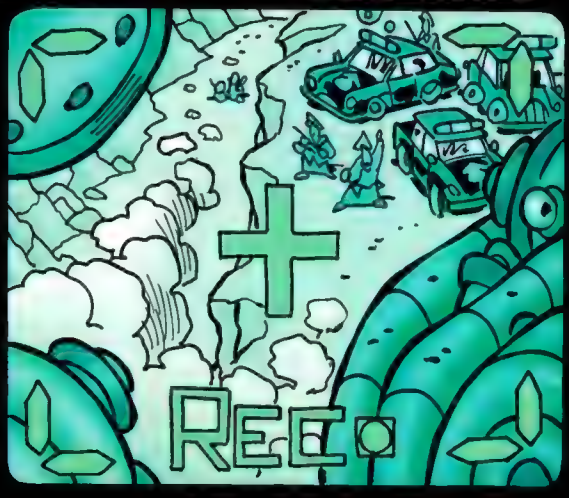
"YOU WILL BE CONTENT THAT YOU'VE KNOWN ME."

"YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY FRIEND."

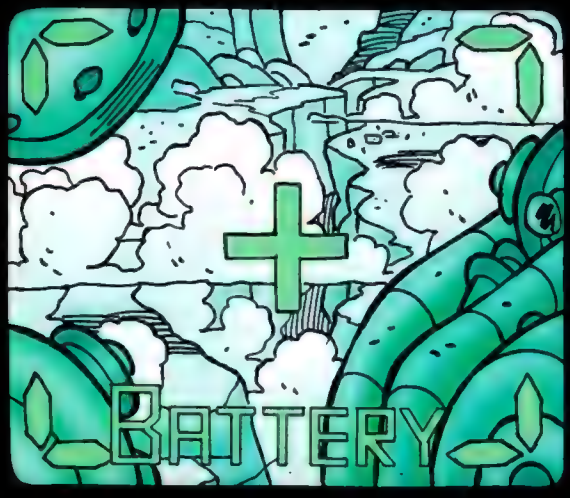
"AND YOU WILL SOMETIMES OPEN YOUR WINDOW."

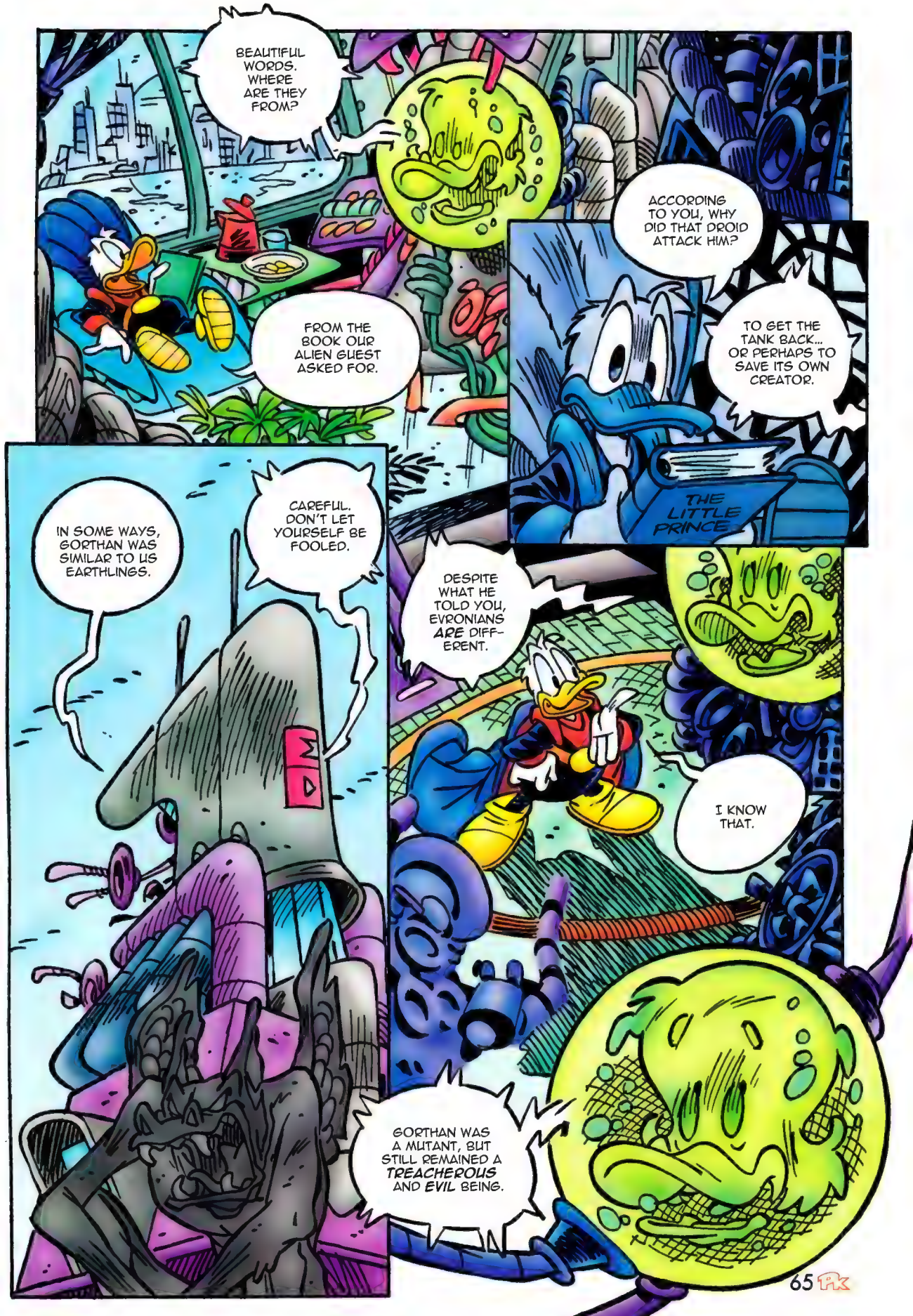
"AND AS YOU LOOK UP AT THE SKY, SAY..."





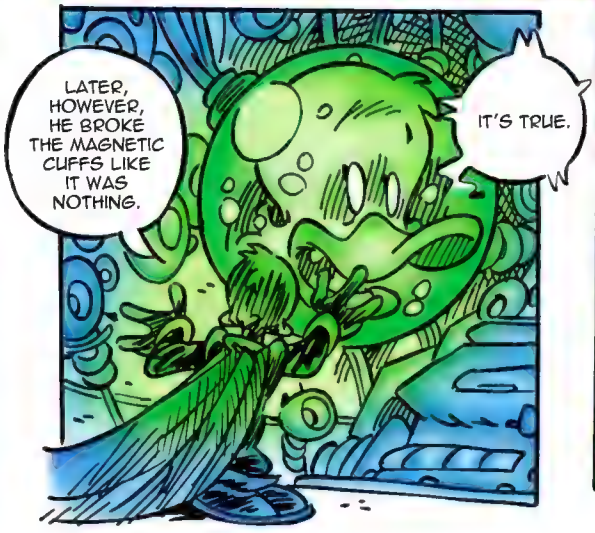
"YES, THE STARS ALWAYS MAKE ME LAUGH!"

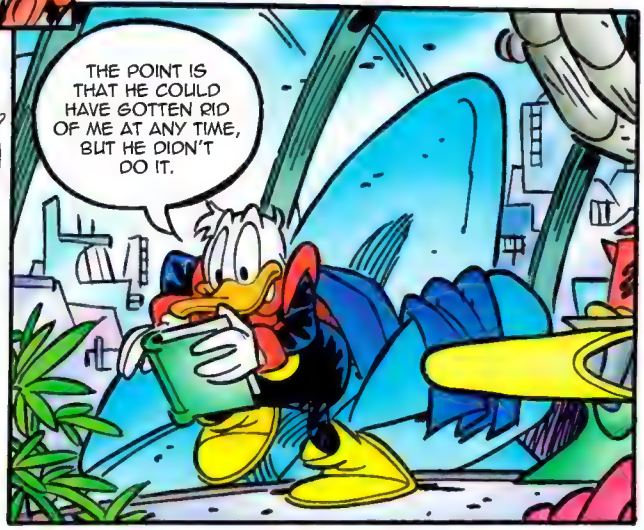



BEAUTIFUL WORDS. WHERE ARE THEY FROM?
FROM THE BOOK OUR ALIEN GUEST ASKED FOR.
ACCORDING TO YOU, WHY DID THAT DROID ATTACK HIM?
TO GET THE TANK BACK... OR PERHAPS TO SAVE ITS OWN CREATOR.
THE LITTLE PRINCE
CAREFUL. DON'T LET YOURSELF BE FOOLED.
IN SOME WAYS, GORTHAN WAS SIMILAR TO US EARTHLINGS.
DESPITE WHAT HE TOLD YOU, EVRONIANS *ARE* DIFFERENT.
I KNOW THAT.
GORTHAN WAS A MUTANT, BUT STILL REMAINED A *TREACHEROUS* AND *EVIL* BEING.

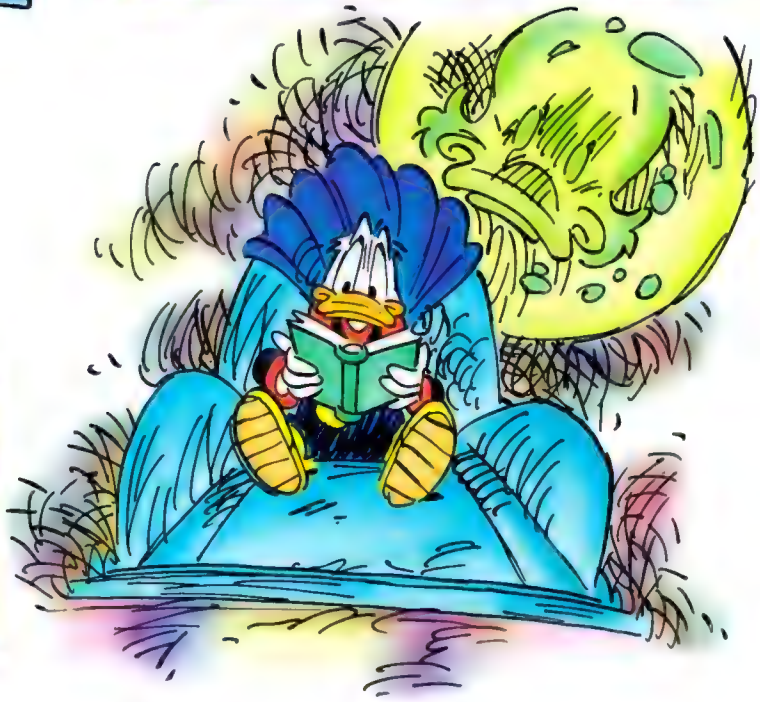
YOU THINK SO?
IT IS SO. HE HIMSELF STATED TO BE DIFFERENT FROM YOU.

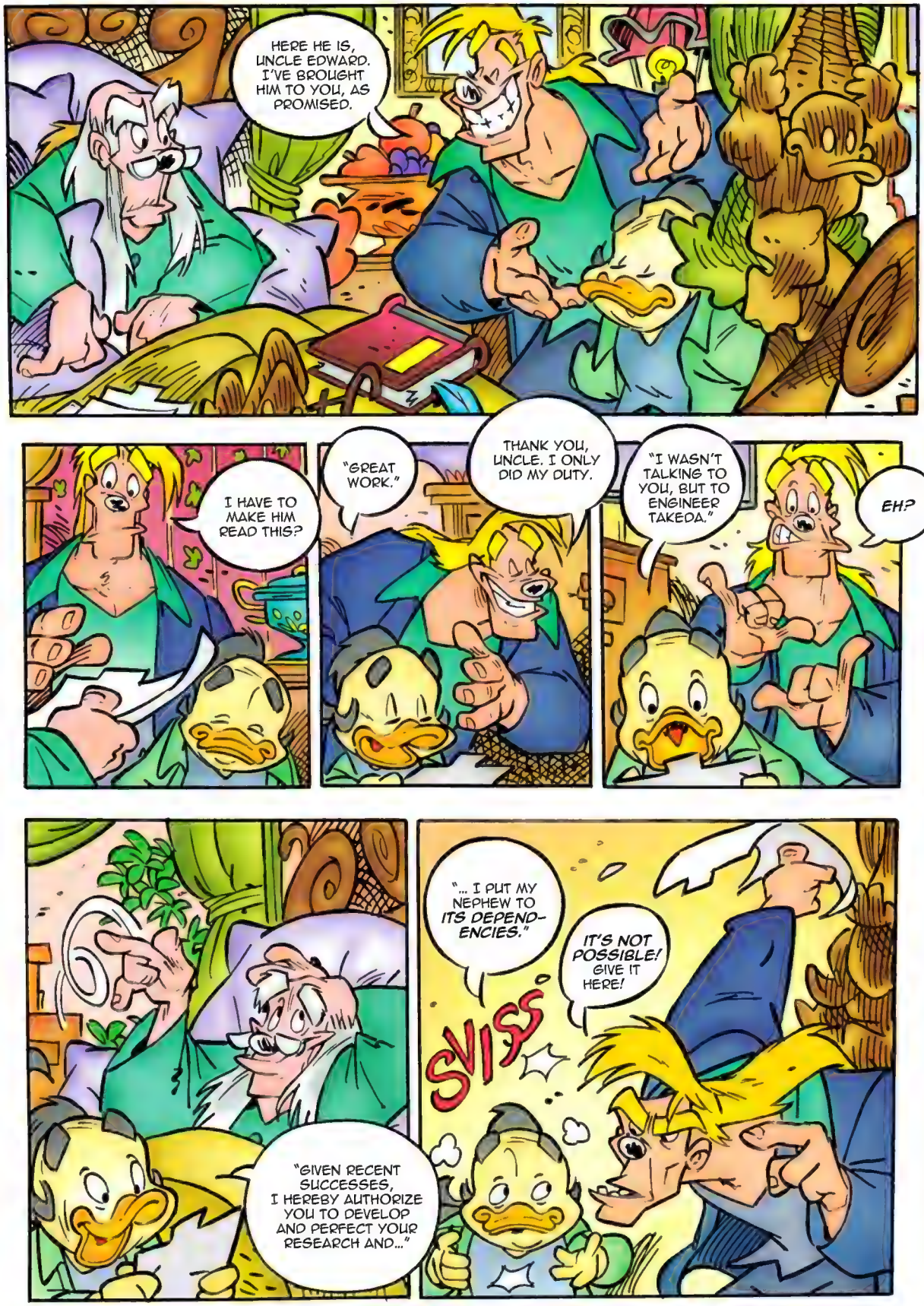
YEAH. HE SAID THAT, IF HE COULD, HE'D ELIMINATE ME.
INDEED. HE INSTINCTIVELY HATED YOU.


LATER, HOWEVER, HE BROKE THE MAGNETIC CUFFS LIKE IT WAS NOTHING.
IT'S TRUE.

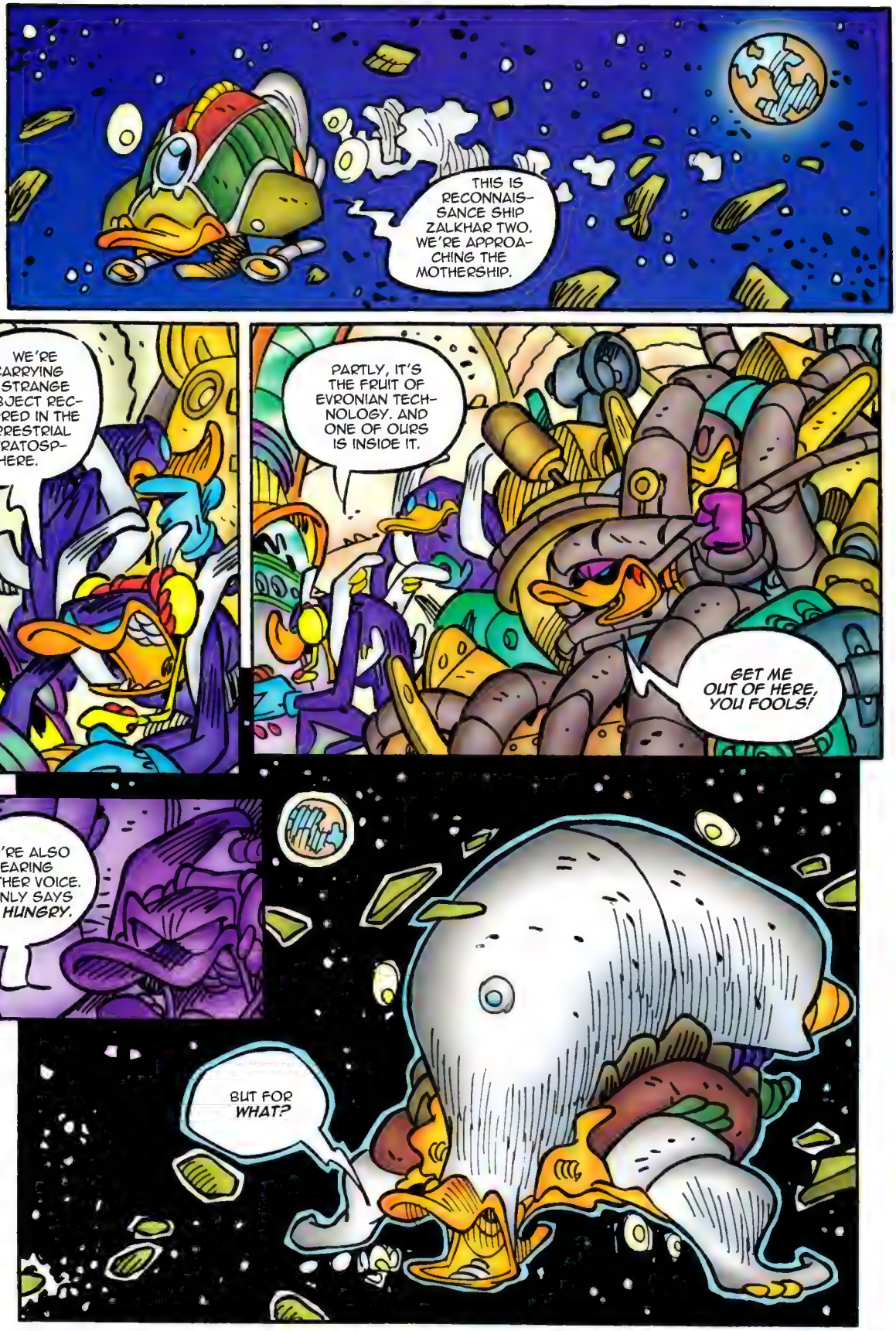

THE POINT IS THAT HE COULD HAVE GOTTEN RID OF ME AT ANY TIME, BUT HE DIDN'T DO IT.

HE DIDN'T DO IT.



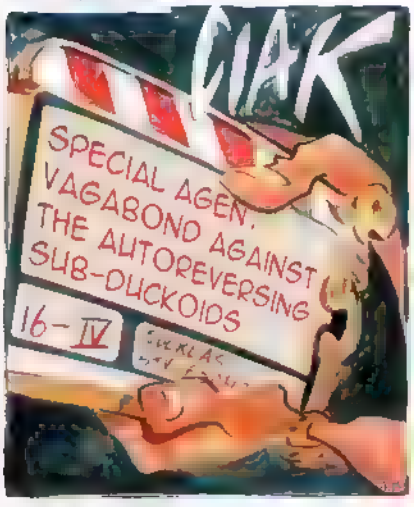

HERE HE IS, UNCLE EDWARD. I'VE BROUGHT HIM TO YOU, AS PROMISED.
I HAVE TO MAKE HIM READ THIS?
"GREAT WORK."
THANK YOU, UNCLE. I ONLY DID MY DUTY.
"I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU, BUT TO ENGINEER TAKEDA."
EH?
"GIVEN RECENT SUCCESSES, I HEREBY AUTHORIZE YOU TO DEVELOP AND PERFECT YOUR RESEARCH AND..."
"... I PUT MY NEPHEW TO ITS DEPENDENCIES."
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! GIVE IT HERE!
SNIFF

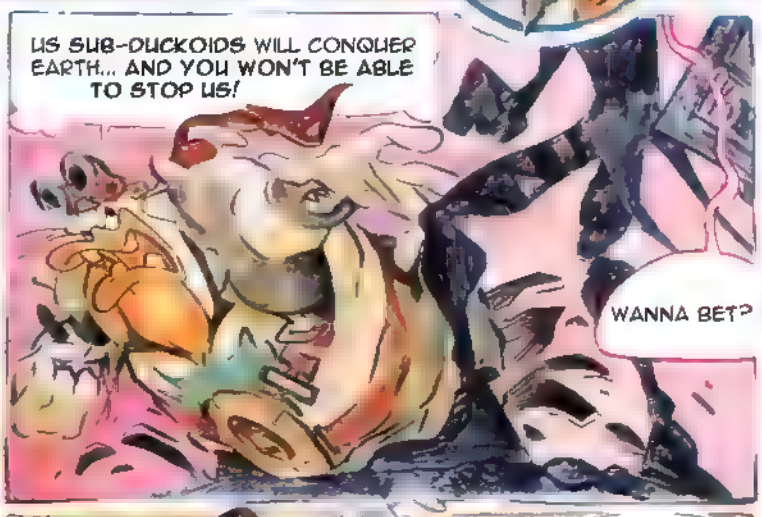
BUT... BUT...
IT'S A JOKE! TELL ME YOU'RE JOKING.
TELL ME! SAY SOMETHING, SENILE OLD FOOL!
YOU...
?
YOU'RE AN I... AN I...
I GET IT. YOU DON'T NEED TO STRAIN YOURSELF.
YOU WANT TO TELL ME THAT I'M AN INCOMPETENT!
NO.
PWEEP
YOU'RE AN IDIOT.
YOU KNOW I DON'T LIKE REPEATING MYSELF.

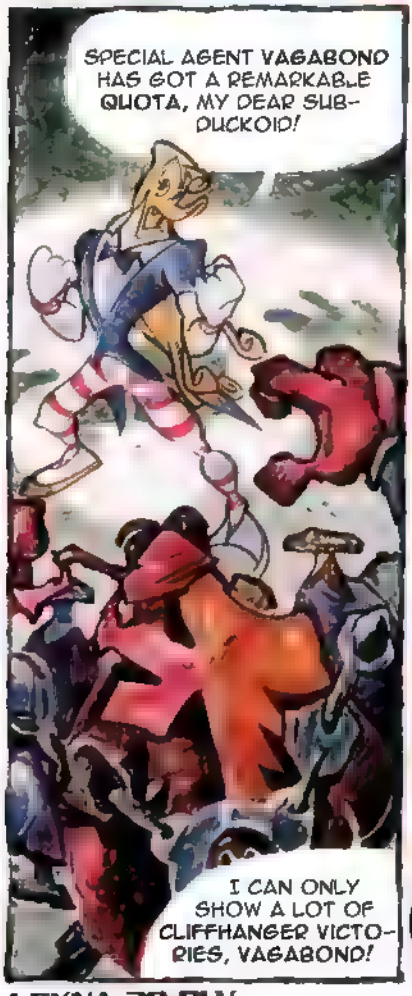

THIS IS RECONNAISSANCE SHIP ZALKHAR TWO. WE'RE APPROACHING THE MOTHERSHIP.
WE'RE CARRYING A STRANGE OBJECT RECOVERED IN THE TERRESTRIAL STRATOSPHERE.
PARTLY, IT'S THE FRUIT OF EVRONIAN TECHNOLOGY. AND ONE OF OURS IS INSIDE IT.
GET ME OUT OF HERE, YOU FOOLS!
WE'RE ALSO HEARING ANOTHER VOICE. IT ONLY SAYS IT'S *HUNGRY*.
BUT FOR *WHAT?*

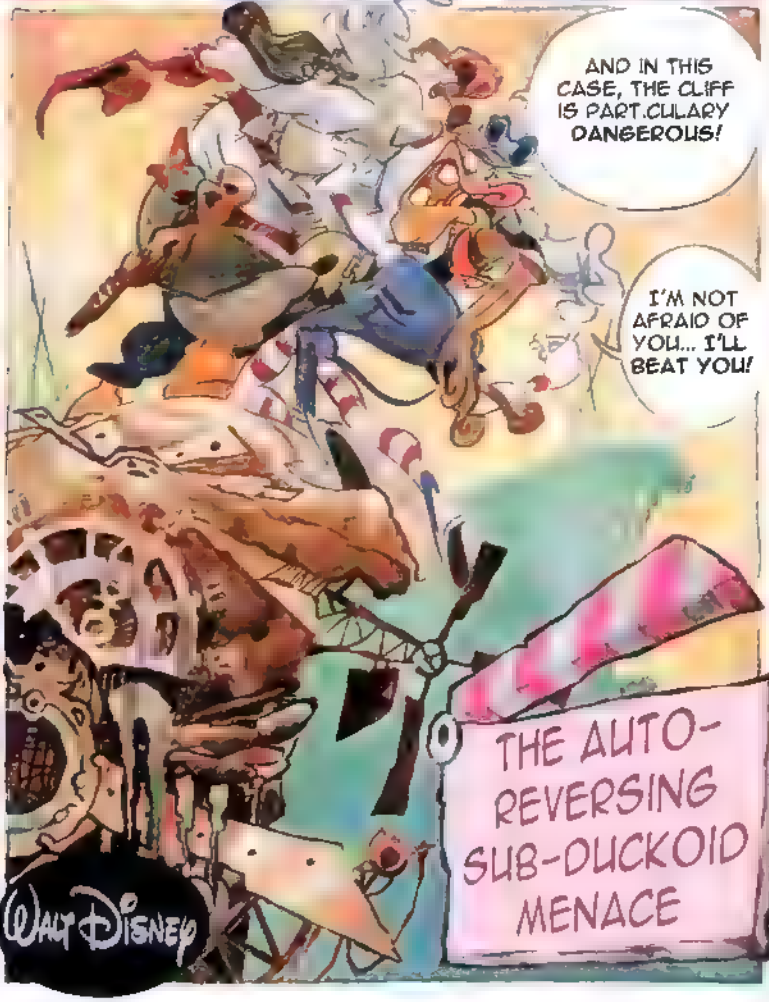
BAH!
IT'LL RETURN, IT'LL RETURN.
YOU THINK IT'LL RETURN?

STARRING THE GREAT BURTON LA VALLE






SPECIAL AGENT VAGABOND HAS GOT A REMARKABLE QUOTA, MY DEAR SUB-DUCKOID!
I CAN ONLY SHOW A LOT OF CLIFFHANGER VICTO-RIES, VAGABOND!


AND IN THIS CASE, THE CLIFF IS PART.CULARY DANGEROUS!
I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU... I'LL BEAT YOU!
Walt Disney
THE AUTO-REVERSING SUB-DUCKOID MENACE

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I HOPE YOU KNOW HOW TO FLY... VAGABOND...
I'M A QUICK LEARNER... IF I WERE TO FALL DOWN, I'D LEARNED HOW TO FLY BEFORE REACHING THE BOTTOM!
CRRR
FIUU! FIUUUoooT...
I SEE, YOU ALREADY HAVE A PHYSICAL BREAKDOWN! I THOUGHT YOU SPECIAL AGENTS WERE TOUGHER!
FIIUUT
FIIIUIIT
PLEASE YOURSELF... YOU'RE AT MY MERCY NOW!
YOU'RE MISTAKEN! MY PARTNER JUST ARRIVED!
PARTNER?
ART!
SWISSS!

WELL DONE, FIDOID! NOW YOU'RE TOAST, SUB-DUCKOID! THIS PARALYSATOR WILL BE THE END OF YOU!
MY FULL NAME IS AUTO-REVERSING SUB-DUCKOID!
AND AS SUCH, I AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFORM INTO A BEING, WHICH IS PROTECTED AGAINST PARALYSATORS.
BZAAP
I REALLY SHOULD REMEMBER, READING EVERY PAGE OF MY SUPER-ENEMIES FILES...
HAHA! GOOD LANDING, VAGABOND!
AHIOAHIOAAA!
AIIIIE!
NO SUB-DUCKOID IS ABLE TO MUTATE FAR ENOUGH TO RESIST A DOG'S BITE!

I SURRENDER. JUST STOP LICKING MY FACE WITH YOUR HUGE TONGUE!
ARF
ARF
GOOD JOB FIDOID! PULL ME UP!
WHAT'S UP? WHY DID YOU STOP?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? DON'T LET GO OF ME...
WOOF?

CUT! WE'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT.. GREAT WORK!
ARF! ARF!
YOU DID WONDERFUL, APART FROM THAT SMALL SLIP AT THE END!
DOES NOBODY CARE ABOUT ME? I'D HAVE... PLUNGED DOWN A CHASM!
WOOF
VERY FUNNY! THIS WAS NOTHING BUT A TECHNICAL ILLUSION!
I KNOW, BUT THIS MATTRESS ISN'T AS SOFT AS IT'S DETERMINED IN MY CONTRACT AS A SUPER FILMSTAR!
BESIDES, THIS ACCUMULATION OF FLEAS ONLY TRIED TO MAKE ITSELF LOOK NICE IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA AND LET THE HERO TAKE A FALL.
WE'LL FIX IT IN THE POST PRODUCTION.
IF THIS THING COSTS ME ANOTHER SCENE, I'LL SEND IT STRAIGHT TO THE NEXT ANIMAL SHELTER! UNDERSTOOD?
THAT'S ENOUGH.
OH THE HORRORS!
SLAPP

FAST! HELP! A DOCTOR! AN ANTISEPTIC... A DISINFECTANT! AN AMBULANCE!
DON'T MIND HIM, HE JUST IS THAT WAY...
THE SHOOTING CONTINUES...
WELL DONE, FIDOID... HERE ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE CROQUETTES!
ARF!
CUT THE SCENE! AND BRING ME A CRANE... THIS MUT WEIGHTS A TON!
SLURP! SLAP!
ANOTHER SCENE, A BREATH-TAKING CHASE...
IF THIS SUB-DUCKOID GETS AWAY, THE WHOLE LAYER WILL GO UP IN FLAMES... WE HAVE TO CATCH HIM!
THIS IS A JOB FOR SPECIAL AGENT VAGABOND!
ARF.
FATE OF EARTH LIES IN MY HANDS!
WOF.

HEY! I'M AN ACTOR, NO DUBBING SPEAKER! WHEN I'M SPEAKING, I WANT MY FACE TO BE SEEN!
THE SHOOTING CONTINUES... SOMEHOW!
WHY DON'T YOU START TO RECITATE?
I CAN'T...
...AS LONG AS IT KEEPS STARING AT ME THIS CRINGING. CAN'T YOU SEE THIS?
BURTON! IT IS A DOG... HOW ELSE WOULD IT LOOK AT YOU?
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! THE SUB-DUCKOIDS ARE NO LONGER A THREAT... EARTH IS SAVED! SPECIAL AGENT VAGABOND IS READY FOR ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT!
CUT! THIS IS GOING TO BE AN EXTRAORDINARY MOVIE... AS A TEAM YOU TWO ARE GREAT! I'M ALREADY THINKING OF A SEQUEL.
SPECIAL AGENT VAGABOND AND HIS FAITHFUL FIDOID AGAINST THE AUTO-CLEANING SUPER-HUMANOIDS... I CAN EVEN SEE THE ADVERTISEMENT!

I DON'T HAVE A PLOT YET, BUT THAT'S A MINOR DETAIL.
BUT ORIGINALLY I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONLY PROTAGONIST...
LATER, IN THE DRESSING ROOM...
AN ACTOR SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO RECITATE ALONGSIDE A DOG, BECAUSE THE DOG WILL STEAL THE SHOW FROM HIM SOONER OR LATER... IT JUST IS THAT WAY!
DISREGARDING THE PART, THAT YOU'RE AN ACTOR, WHO RECITATES LIKE A DOG AND NOT ALONGSIDE A DOG... YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE COMPLAINING!
B-BUT... YOU'RE TALKING!
SURE! IT'S ME, WHO IS COMPLAINING... A MUTANT-DOG FROM PLANET BARK, WITH FOUR SCHOOL CERTIFICATES, FORCED TO TAKE THESE ROLES UNTIL I HAVE MY BREAKTHROUGH IN THE EARTHEN CINEMAS! BUT ONE DAY, I'LL REZITATE SHAKESPEARE!
THOUGH, LET ME TELL YOU... BEING AN ACTOR REALLY IS A DOG'S LIFE!
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